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### The Easter Concert

On Sunday afternoon, April 12, we had our usual Easter concert in the Assembly-hall. The subject of the exercises was "The Dawn of Victory." The choir sang a number of selections and there were twenty-three boys besides those who took part in the speaking. Mr. Moss, our minister, offered prayer, and spoke about the spiritual meaning of Easter. The chapel was very beautifully decorated with white lilies, geraniums, pink heather, and pink roses. The concert and decorations were enjoyed very much by every one. The programme was as follows:

Song	The Dawn of Victory	
	Choir, with Violin and Cornet	
Responsive Reading		
Prayer	Mr. Moss	
Song	An Easter Prayer	
	Choir	
Exercise	Easter Greeting	
	Five Boys	
Song	Christ is Risen	
	Choir, with Violin and Cornet	
Recitation	The Music of the Bells	
	George W. Casey	
Exercise	Easter Bells	
	Four Boys	
Song	Be Glad! 'Tis Easter!	
	Choir, with Violin	
Recitation	The Meaning of Easter	
	Norman R. Wyatt	
Song	Risen, as He Said	
	Choir	
Remarks	Mr. Moss	

Exercise	Resurrection
Song	Five Boys
Recitation	The Message of Eastertide
	Choir
Song	An Easter Message
	Howard F. Lochrie
Exercise	O Tell the Blessed Story
	Choir
Song	What the Lilies Teach
	Four Boys
Recitation	Easter Bells
	Choir
Song	Christ's Lamp of Love
	Geoffrey E. Plunkett
Recitation	Song of the Morning
	Quartet
Song	A Lesson from the Violet
	Carl H. Collins
Song	Beautiful Eastertide
	Choir
Song	Let the Heavens Be Joyful
	Choir, with Violin and Cornet
Remarks	Mr. Bradley
	WILLIAM J. GRANT.

### Trimming the Old Elm

As there were quite a number of dead limbs on the "Old Elm," they had to be cut off. I was given the work of trimming this tree. The dead limbs were sawed off by the use of a saw attached to a long pole. These limbs were cut off as near the live limbs as possible. Some of them I could reach from the ground, but I had to use a ladder to reach the others. These limbs were broken up after being cut off, and sent to the incinerator to be burned.

HAROLD L. CARLTON.

## The Minstrel Show

On Thursday evening, April thirtieth, the Thompson's Island Minstrels gave an excellent entertainment in the Assembly-hall. Of all the entertainments that we have, the home talent always receives the heartiest welcome, as it shows just what the fellows are capable of doing, and the jokes are always apt. The entertainment began at eight o'clock and lasted fully two hours. The show ended with a German comedy sketch given by two of the once minstrels, but now real (?) Germans. This comedy kept us in a constant roar of laughter. I am sure we all enjoyed the evening's entertainment very much.

## CIRCLE

Richard W. Weston, Interlocutor

Elwin C. Bemis	Joseph L. Pendergast
Warner E. Spear	Leslie H. Barker
William Hill	Harold L. Card
BONES	
Harold L. Carlton	Charles R. Jefferson
Everett W. Maynard	Franklin E. Gunning

## PROGRAMME

Opening Chorus	Circle	
Medley of Popular Choruses		
End Song	Everett W. Maynard	
Mammy Jinny's Jubilee		
Song	Joseph L. Pendergast	
Won't You Let Me Call You Honey?		
End Song	Franklin E. Gunning	
Our Little War at Home, Sweet Home		
Quartet	Violin Accomp'nt	Harold L. Card
Daisies Won't Tell		
Topical Song	End Men	
OLIO		

## A GERMAN COMEDY SKETCH IN ONE ACT

Maynard and Gunning

The Wizards of Joy and Dynamiters of Sorrow who are off again on a roundelay of merry patter which is a sure cure for any kind of melancholy.

CARL D. P. HYNES.

## An Illustrated Lecture

On the evening of April twenty-second Mr. Myron J. Cochrane gave an illustrated talk on wild flowers. He told us how he became interested in flowers, and he thought he would try and see how many different varieties he could photograph. Mr. Cochrane said that he had conceived the idea of coloring the slides, which were made from the films. The pictures that he showed on the screen were very pretty. While each picture was being exhibited, Mr. Cochrane read a short paragraph from a manuscript which he had prepared. After the last of the flowers had been exhibited Mr. Cochrane showed us some views of the Waverly Oaks, which are nearly a thousand years old. The lecture was greatly enjoyed by us all.

RAYMOND H. BATCHELDER.

## Filling In Ruts

Lately I have been filling in ruts. I got some sub-soil from back of the power-house. When I had a load I took it to the play-grounds, and having filled the ruts, I then spread it evenly over them. I commenced at the path leading from Cottage Row and worked to the hedge and also the base-lines. The stones that were in the ruts I would leave, but the ones that were on top I picked up and took them down to the stone-pile behind the power-house. When I had the ruts all filled, Mr. Beebe had some fellows pull the big roller over them.

HOWARD F. LOCHRIE.

## Music Lessons

Every Tuesday and Friday nights, Mr. Ellis, our band teacher, comes down and after seven o'clock takes out the band to the band-hall for practice. On Tuesdays the beginners' band goes out, and on Fridays the regular band goes out. The beginners play scales and other exercises which they practice through the week. The regular band plays marches and other music. Some of the pieces they play the most are "Connecticut March," "The Whip," and "Napoleon's Last Charge."

GEORGE W. CASEY.

## Choosing-up for Base-ball

On Saturday afternoon, April twenty-fifth, we chose up for base-ball. At about quarter past four we assembled in the gymnasium, where the all-school team of last year picked out four candidates for captains of this year's teams. Then the balance of the School nominated four candidates. After all the candidates had been nominated, we voted for four captains. The four fellows who received the greatest number of votes were: Everett W. Maynard, William J. Grant, Victor H. Gordon, and Perry Coombs. Then we voted to see which of the four was considered the best captain. The fellow getting the largest number of votes was Team A, and so on down to Team D. Everett W. Maynard has Team A; Victor H. Gordon, Team B; William J. Grant, Team C; Perry Coombs, Team D. After supper the captains chose their men. The captain of Team D always gets first choice and the captain of Team A last.

PERRY COOMBS.

## Gardens

In the spring of the year each fellow who wishes a garden is given one. He must fix it up and keep it free from weeds, if he wishes to get a prize. The first thing to do is to spade and rake it to get all the lumps out of it. He makes a border of stones around it and arranges them as evenly as possible. The gardens are beginning to look pretty now. Some are nearly finished and others are just started. The gardens are of different shapes and sizes. There are large, medium, and small ones. Some gardens already look as if the owners were trying hard for a prize. VICTOR H. GORDON.

## "Wanted"

One day when I came from my work I saw on the bulletin-board a notice which said: "Wanted—Rat Inspectors, Fly Inspectors, Tree Inspectors, Bird Inspectors, Mosquito Inspectors. Make application on usual memorandum slip and put it in Mr. Bradley's basket." A similar notice was posted last year.

WILLIAM E. KENNEDY.

## A Caucus

On March thirty-first a caucus was held in the Assembly-hall. Three Committees were appointed. They were the Mayor's Committee, the Shareholding Committee and the Non-shareholding Committee. The Mayor's Committee nominated candidates for the following offices: Mayor, three Shareholding Aldermen, Assessor, and Treasurer. The Shareholding Committee nominated candidates for Mayor, three Aldermen, Treasurer, and Assessor. The Non-shareholding Committee nominated candidates for three Non-shareholding Aldermen.

FREDERICK E. VANVALKENBURG.

## Quarterly Election

The second quarterly election of Cottage Row for the year nineteen fourteen was held in the east basement of the main building on April seventh. The meeting came to order at 7.15 p. m. The Mayor appointed Paul C. A. Swenson, Ernest E. Slocomb and Perry Coombs as Tellers. The Shareholders voted first, voting for candidates for every office. The Non-shareholders voted next, voting for candidates for all offices except that of Assessor. The meeting adjourned at 8.00 o'clock, and the Mayor, Clerk, and Tellers went to the reading-room to count the votes. The following were elected: Mayor, Victor H. Gordon; Shareholding Aldermen, Harold L. Carlton, Chester R. Wood, Carlquist W. Walbourn; Non-shareholding Aldermen, George F. Kendall, Ernest E. Slocomb; Treasurer, Lester E. Cowden; Assessor, George W. N. Starrett. The Mayor then appointed: Perry Coombs, Chief of Police; Hubert N. Leach, Clerk; Herbert L. Dudley, Janitor; Raymond H. Batchelder, Librarian; Llewelyn H. Lewis, Street Commissioner. The Chief of Police appointed the following: Lieutenant, Charles R. Jefferson; Sergeant, Warner E. Spear; Patrolmen, William Hill, William J. Grant, Leslie H. Barker. These officers were later sworn in by Mr. Bradley.

CHARLES R. JEFFERSON.

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Opportunity is a working asset in life which falls heir to every one, and we do not have to wait until we become of any particular age before we may claim this heritage, excepting of course the age of understanding.

It is an element which, the more and oftener advantage is taken of it, the greater and more evident becomes its availability. The earlier in life advantage is taken of it, the greater its scope and possibilities become in years of maturity. It presents itself to us in different ways, great, small, and sometimes even in insignificant form.

Each one has his peculiar opportunity to do some good which no one else can perform, and upon his failure to take advantage of such an occasion and to prosecute an act which he feels it his duty to perform, that opportunity is forever gone.

The small things in life are veritable stepping-stones to things great, and they must be well performed before anything greater can be accomplished.

Opportunity to do good is merely a favorable condition where duty should urge us on. And "a wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

But there are opportunities for evil as well as for good. These should be scrupulously guarded against as being equally noxious with that of the serpent's bite, for the stepping-stones to evil are just as sure as are those which lead in the right direction.

It is said of Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, that when he was twenty-one years old he was wandering the streets of New York one day looking for a job, when his attention was attracted by a large crowd gathering in Wall Street, in front of the Exchange. Inquiring the cause of the excitement, he learned that something had gone wrong with the telegraphic communication. Here was his opportunity. He volunteered his services and in a few minutes had things in working order, and within twenty-four hours was engaged as electrician, at a salary of three hundred dollars a month.

Our opportunity may not point us to fame or wealth, as the world considers them. We may not be privileged to be classed with the great inventors, reformers, statesmen, etc. But doing our duty as we see it means immeasurably more than this. It means a conscience without offence toward the Spirit of Truth.

Opportunities for good are always present with the boys of The Farm and Trades School. The technical division of the subjects presented to the pupils by lectures and experiments in the class-room and on the farm, as well as the practical work performed in the various other industrial departments of the School, can not fail to imbue the boys with the highest ideals for life—honesty and fearlessness of purpose.

### Notes

April 1. Incubated 58 eggs.

Began re-laying stone gutters on Front Avenue.

Cleared away winter protection from buckthorn hedge, on west corner of main building.

April 2. Began 1914 display of weather flags from Observatory.

Took off hydrant houses and uncovered blue spruces.

Mr. George W. E. Byers, '87, Rev. W. M. Chapin, Miss Rebecca S. Chapin and Miss Elizabeth E. Joyce visited the School.

April 3. Mr. Charles Duncan, '71, tuning piano.

Dr. Edward H. Forbush here on the rat question.

Sowed cabbage, cauliflower and tomato seeds in hot-bed.

Former Instructor Mr. Edward F. Kibby spent the afternoon with us.

April 4. Edmund S. Bemis, '13, here.

April 6. Began dancing lessons for boys.

April 7. 100 Barred Plymouth Rock eggs for incubator received.

April 8. Incubated 132 eggs.

Sprayed orchard with lime sulphur 1-8 to combat scale insects.

April 9. Admission Committee meeting. The following boys were admitted; Ralph G. Hadley, William N. King, John A. Robertson, Edward Malone, Roland S. Bruneau, Donald E. Bourbeau.

April 10. Secretary Tucker Daland visited the School.

Planted radish, lettuce and pepper seeds in hot-bed.

April 11. Manager Charles P. Curtis here.

Mr. Webb Robbins looking at cows.

Mr. A. L. Curado here, setting 200 Belgian and Welsh basket willows in nursery.

April 12. Sunday. Easter service in the afternoon.

April 13. Killed pig weighing 250 lbs.

Began hauling manure from compost-shed.

Former pupil Harold D. Morse visited the School.

April 14. Gift of trombone oil from Mr. John F. Parks.

April 15. Began rolling lawns and playground.

Took eight cows to Brighton, bought and brought back four.

April 17. George R. Jordan, '13, here.

Four and one half tons of chemicals arrived for mixing fertilizers.

Former teacher Miss Elizabeth Kelley spent the afternoon with us.

April 18. Did first harrowing.

Mason finished plaster patching.

Began setting willows along east bank.

April 19. Mr. Archibald G. Adams from Newton Theological Seminary conducted Sunday day services.

April 21. Dr. Dyer inspecting cattle.

Mr. Myron J. Cochrane gave illustrated talk on wild flowers.

Managers Thomas J. Evans, Charles E. Mason and Roger Pierce, and Dr. Winslow B. French visited the School.

April 22. Pruned bush-fruits.

Planted two rows Early Prolific Peas.

April 23. Gift of magazines from Mrs. W. M. Cameron.

Manager Francis Shaw spent the day here.

Finished spreading ashes from ash-pit at incinerator, 10.7 tons in all.

April 25. Chose players for the base-ball season.

Planted two rows Alaska peas in garden.

Transplanted large maple tree in West Grove.

April 27. Removed winter protection from bee-hives.

Sowed pasture mixture of grass seed on Oak Knoll and Lyman Grove.

Drowned out 67 rats from under hen-house.

April 28. Sowed celery in hot-beds.

April 29. Boys sized up.

Began mowing lawns.

Dressed pig weighing 220 lbs.

60 Chickens hatched in incubator.

Removed mulch from strawberries.

Thirteen boys and an instructor attended musicale at the Warren School in Auburndale, through the kindness of Mrs. Harriet Spooner.

April 30. Minstrel show given by eleven boys.

Pulled first radishes from hot-beds.

Mixed fertilizers for sweet corn and potatoes.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand April 1, 1914	\$942.03
Deposits during the month	15.07
	957.10
Withdrawn during the month	79.22
Cash on hand May 1, 1914	\$877.88

### April Meteorology

Maximum temperature, 86° on the 19th.

Minimum temperature, 26° on the 4th.

Mean temperature for the month, 45.5°.

Total precipitation, 7.22 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 1.93 inches on the 16th.

15 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 9 clear days, 13 partly cloudy, 8 cloudy days.

Total number of hours sunshine, 172 and 20 minutes.

### Printing Annual Reports

The Annual Reports of the School are printed in our printing-office. These reports contain a description of the School and tell what it has accomplished in the past year, together with the treasurer's report for the year. We print three thousand of these. We use antique laid book paper for the inside, and French Gray Antique for covers. On the covers is printed in red "The Farm and Trades School," and the number of the year since which the school has been established. After the covers are printed they are scored. This is done so that they will fold easily. The inside pages are printed four at a time. We print fifteen hundred copies first on one side. Then they are printed on the other side with the same form. After they have been printed on both sides they are cut in halves, thus making three thousand copies in all, and then they are ready for folding and assembling. There are thirty pages in this year's report, besides five pages of illustrations. ERNEST E. SLOCOMB.

### Dancing Lessons

Every Monday evening after grade reading, the First and Second Classes are given dancing lessons. The pupils are divided into two groups, one group taking the lady's part and the other group the gentleman's part. The "ladies" wear a white streamer. Those who take the lady's part one week take the gentleman's part the next week. We have learned the Portland Fancy, Waltz, Two-step, One-step, and Castle-walk. Some of the fellows can dance very well.

CARLQUIST W. WALBOURN.

### A Relic Case

In the reading-room is a case in which various relics are kept. In the lower part of this case are Indian arrow-heads, some of which were found on this island. In the top part are Indian tomahawks and some Indian decorations, and also various other articles that were found on the Island and elsewhere. This case and its contents are very interesting and instructive.

DONALD M. WILDE.

### Making a Monogram

Lately the sewing-room instructor made a paste-board pattern for an F. T. S. monogram. A fellow wanted one on his blue sweater, and I said I would put one on if he would get permission from Mr. Bradley. He saw Mr. Bradley about the matter, who said it would be all right if the boy would pay me for the labor. So as soon as I had an opportunity I asked the sewing-room instructor if I could have a piece of yellow felt, and also asked permission to make the monogram in the sewing-room. I received the material and pinned the pattern onto the felt and took a sharp pencil and traced around it. Then I took it off and cut out the felt where I marked it. Then I pinned it on the left side of the sweater and showed it to the instructor to see if it was all right. She approved of it, and so I basted it on. Then I got some yellow silk and threaded the stitching machine and stitched the monogram onto the sweater. After I had it stitched I took out the bastings and showed the work to the instructor, who said it was all right. She made a record of the time I spent on it, which was two hours, and passed it in to Mr. Bradley, who will decide how much it is worth.

HERBERT L. DUDLEY.

### Binding Reports

One afternoon when I went to work in the printing-office, the instructor told me to bind some of the Annual Reports. The pages and inserts are first assembled by one fellow and put on a table, ready to be stitched. The fellow who stitches them counts them in tens and puts them on a table for another fellow to cover. First I put some glue in a can and mixed it up well. The glue is applied to the backs of the reports before they are inserted in the covers. Before putting on the glue we place ten reports between two pieces of wood. After the glue has been applied, we place the reports in the covers and then put them on a bench, ready to be trimmed. After they are trimmed they are sent to the office.

LLEWELYN H. LEWIS

### Banking

Every fellow having money upon entering the School is given a bank-book, and he deposits his money, making out a deposit slip for the same. No fellow is allowed to carry money around with him, but if he earns any money, or has it given to him, he makes out his deposit slip at the first opportunity. If money has to be drawn out, a check is used the same as in any bank. The necessity for drawing money occurs when taxes are to be paid or shares bought in Cottage Row, or when articles are purchased from the Trading Company or from the city. The hour for banking is from seven to eight in the evenng.

EVERETT W. MAYNARD.

### Rolling Lawns

One afternoon before school, Mr. Beebe told several other fellows and me to go down to the storage-barn and get the roller. This is a two-horse roller. The horses are not used in it, as they would dig up the lawns. The roller is used to flatten out the rough places and to level the ground. Two fellows take hold of the pole and steer the roller and the rest of the fellows are distributed around it. The edges of the lawns are rolled twice, and each strip we take we lap half of the roller. When the roller is not in use it is kept in back of the hedge, and after the rolling is done it is returned to the storage-barn.

WARNER E. SPEAR.

### Taxes

Cottage Row taxes are collected at the end of each term of three months. The fellows make out their checks to the Treasurer for the amount which they have to pay. A fellow who is a shareholder in a cottage has to pay both poll and property taxes. A fellow does not have to pay taxes until he has been in the School six months; then he is considered a citizen and has the right to vote. The poll tax is three cents for every fellow. The money from these taxes is used to improve Cottage Row and to pay the officers. This is a very good idea, because it teaches us citizenship.

JOHN L. SHERMAN.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

WALTER B. FOSTER, '78, President  
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Dorchester

RICHARD BELL, '73, Treasurer  
Dorchester

EDWARD L. CAPAUL, '05, Vice-President  
Roxbury

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, Historian  
Everett

DANA CURRIER, '01, who for some time has been in the engineering department of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, stationed at Lillooet, British Columbia, started about the middle of April for Valparaiso, Chile, where he is engaged with an English company. He expects to be back in the United States in December.

JOHN W. GREENWOOD, '13, is making commendable progress in the High School at Fairhaven, Mass.

CLAUD W. SALISBURY, '08, of Sherburn, Minn., is assistant United States manager of the Eureka Policy Department of the Great

Eastern Casualty company, his father, John C. Salisbury, being the manager. His business, looking after agencies, at times takes him into various parts of the western country. Claud says he hopes the time will come when he can visit his old friends in the East.

GEORGE R. JORDAN, '13, who is with the Hill Publishing Company, 505 Pearl Street, New York City, called here recently. George enjoys his work and is looking fine.

ARTHUR G. APPEL, Ex '12, is on the U. S. S. Nebraska with the fleet at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

### A Junco

One morning Mr. Bradley brought into the school-room a wire cage with a junco in it. The bird had been accidentally caught in a cage that had been set for sparrows. The junco is among the most common of our winter birds, easily recognized while perching, or on the ground, by its white or pinkish bill, and when flying by the white outer tail feathers and the gray and white plumage. Its song is a sweet, simple trill, which has a beautiful effect when given by a flock in unison. Its nest is of grasses on the ground, usually beside a stone, where it is well concealed. The three or four eggs are of a whitish color, sprinkled with reddish brown. When the bird was brought in it jumped around and fluttered considerably. Mr. Bradley said it was because it was not used to boys. GEORGE F. KENDALL.

### Our Mail

The mail which we receive from our friends and relatives is distributed to the fellows while in the dining-room. The mail-

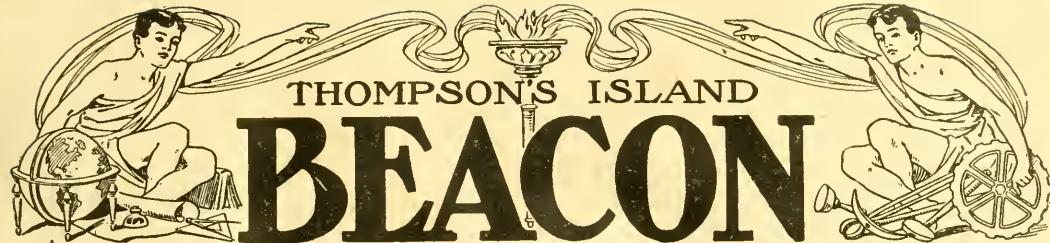
boy goes to the post-office every day and gets the mail for the School. It is taken to the office, where it is sorted. The mail is then sent to the dining-room and given out while we are at table. If there is money in a fellow's letter it is put in the bank for him and he makes out a deposit slip for the amount. Any stamps or post-cards that come are left with the fellow's teacher, so that he can use them on Sundays or writing days. Packages and bundles are given out at the office.

STANLEY W. CLARK.

### Killing Rats

One day recently Mr. Kneeland told another fellow and me to go to the house and get some hose. We took the hose down to the barn and attached it to a faucet. The hose was long enough to reach from the barn to underneath the hen-house. We turned on the water and put the hose down a rat-hole and flooded the rats out, and when they came out we killed them. We got fifty-seven rats that afternoon.

REGINALD L. HUNT.



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## Term Reports

The term reports this year are different in form from what they used to be. Instead of putting down the per cent, one gets in each study, a letter is given. The studies are printed in two columns and in them are included, besides the school studies, agriculture, blacksmithing, meteorology, music, printing, sloyd, effort, and also a place for the number of weeks in the first grade. At the top of the card is printed the term for which the report is given. Beneath this is the name of the School and the address. Then a place for the number of weeks in the term is given, followed by the date. Beneath this is a place for the pupil's name and then is written the class. At the bottom is a place for the teacher's and superintendent's names. Beneath these are explanations of the letters. There are five of these, H, E, G, F, and U. H, meaning honor, is the highest. E is given for work ranking between 90 and 100 per cent. G is given for work between 80 and 90; F is for all work between 70 and 80; and U is given for all work below passing mark. This system makes a passing mark of seventy, instead of seventy-five, as it formerly was. The report cards are of four different colors. They are printed on "Keith's Art" paper. For the winter term the color is that which is known as Grey Onyx. The spring term is colored Malachite Onyx. The summer is Blue Onyx, and the fall is Suisse Art. The reports are six and one-fourth inches long and three and one-fourth inches wide. This size is convenient for envelopes, as the reports will fit in without being folded.

GEOFFREY E. PLUNKETT.

## SPRING TERM REPORT

THE FARM AND TRADES SCHOOL  
THOMPSON'S ISLAND  
BOSTON, MASS.

— weeks, ending — 191

### SECOND CLASS

Arithmetic	Agriculture
Geography	Blacksmithing
History	Drawing
Language	Meteorology
Physiology	Music
Reading	Printing
Spelling	Sloyd
Writing	Effort

Weeks in First Grade

Teacher.

Superintendent.

**Explanation.** **H** is a special mark, the highest ever given. It means **Honor** and is rarely attained by a pupil; **E** means **Excellent**; **G**, **Good**; and **F**, **Fair**, the lowest mark on which a pupil may be promoted. **U** is a mark given for all **Unsatisfactory** work below passing mark.

The Grade is made up from weekly conduct reports of all departments, viz.; School, Work, Play, Dining-room, and Dormitory. There are four grades of conduct: first highest, to fourth lowest.

## Memorial Day Exercises

On Sunday, May 24th, we held our usual Memorial Day exercises. These exercises were in charge of last year's officers of the Elks' Pleasure Association. In the morning about thirty-two fellows were enlisted, and after dinner they were drilled for about an hour. The flowers, which had been picked early in the morning, were placed in water to keep them from withering. At two o'clock the fellows changed their clothes. The band members put on their uniforms, while the others put on their gray ones. The officers put on their shoulder-straps and chevrons. Charles R. Jefferson was captain; Everett W. Maynard, first lieutenant; William J. Grant, second lieutenant. The first two officers carried swords, while the rest of the fellows carried "E. P. A." guns. The two color-bearers were Harold L. Carlton and Joseph L. Pendergast. One of these carried the American flag, while the other carried the "E. P. A." banner. The band played while going over until we neared the foot of Cemetery Hill, when the muffled drums played. The programme was as follows:

Recitation	Howard F. Lochrie
	The New Memorial Day
Recitation	Karl R. Brackett
	Memorial Day
Song	
	Rock of Ages
Recitation	Chester R. Wood
	The Bivouac of the Dead
Recitation	Benjamin L. Murphy
	Memorial Day, 1889
Song	
	A Soldier of the Cross
Recitation	Geoffrey E. Plunkett
	The Blue and the Gray
Recitation	Forrest L. Churchill
	Decoration Day at Charlestown
Song	
	Safe in the Arms of Jesus
Recitation	George W. Casey
	The Countersign
Recitation	George B. McLeod
	Warren's Address to the American Soldiers
Song	
	America

Prayer

Mr. Burkett

Decoration of Graves

E. P. A. Officers

Taps

On the way back from the cemetery we marched along the Beach Road and up the Rear Avenue to the house, where the uniforms were changed and everything taken care of.

CHARLES R. JEFFERSON.

## Making Ready on Job Presses

When a job comes to the printing-office to be printed, it is first set up by the compositor and then imposed and locked in a chase. It is then the pressman's duty to get the press ready to print the job. The press is first inked and then the form is put on. Before doing anything else, we place the grippers in position so that they will not hit the type in the form and thus batter it, but will just grip the edge of the paper. After the grippers are placed clear of the type we put on the tympan. This consists of four pieces of news or book paper with a piece of oiled paper on top. Then we fix the impression, gradually, after which we gauge and print the job. While the job is being printed, each sheet as it comes out of the press is placed on a rack. This is done so that they will dry quickly and not blur. LLEWELYN H. LEWIS.

## Scotch Collie Dog

On Saturday, May sixteenth, four small Scotch Collie dogs were brought to the Island. The following morning seven other boys and I got the four sides of a chicken-yard and took them up by the main building. A pen was then made by standing these up and driving stakes against the boards to hold them in place. The dogs were then brought up from the stock-barn and allowed to remain in the pen during the day. They seemed to enjoy their quarters very well and were quite lively and full of fun. Mr. Shaw selected one of the dogs which we are going to keep and the other three were returned. I think that the little dog will enjoy his new home very much and that we will enjoy his company.

LAWRENCE M. COBB.

### Taking Care of an Incubator

One hundred and twenty hen's eggs were recently incubated at the farm-house. The incubator is a Cyphers and is oil heated. The eggs were placed in rows across the tray and the thermometer placed in the center. The eggs were turned each morning until the day before the hatching. Enough wicks were sewed together to last throughout the incubation. The lamp was filled every morning and the wick trimmed. The wick was not cut, but the burnt part was rubbed off with a piece of cloth. Before the eggs were put in, the incubator was heated to a temperature of about 105° Fahr., and gradually let down to 102° Fahr. The first week the temperature was kept at 102° Fahr., the second at 103° Fahr., and the third at 104° Fahr. The temperature was kept even by means of the thermostat. Hen's eggs hatch in twenty to twenty-one days. After the chicks are hatched the temperature is let down to 100° or 101° Fahr., as their bodies give considerable heat. After remaining in the incubator about twenty-four hours they were transferred to a brooder.

WARNER E. SPEAR.

### Harrowing

One afternoon Mr. Shaw told me to harness up "Dolly Gray" and go over to the garden and harrow. I used the smoothing harrow. After that was done I went over by the current-bushes and harrowed there. Mr. Shaw told me to do that piece crossways. When I had finished there I harrowed the piece on the other side of the grape-vines. That I did lengthways. I finished at about five o'clock.

ELDRED W. ALLEN.

### Spading Around Shrubs

One afternoon Mr. Beebe told me to dig up around the shrubs. I got a shovel and went out to the rose-bushes by the hydrant and began to spade. There was some dressing around the bushes, and this was turned under. As there are shrubs alongside the rose-bushes, I spaded around those also.

FREDERICK E. VANVALKENBURG.

### The Base-ball Schedules

The base-ball schedules were recently passed out. They are printed in the form of a folder. The opposite page from where the schedule is printed is ruled so that the scores of the teams may be kept there. On the outside of the folder are the names of the captains and their respective teams. The games are scheduled as follows:

May 2 .	A—B	July 11 .	A—B
" 9 .	C—D	" 11 .	C—D
" 16 .	A—C	" 18 .	A—C
" 23 .	B—D	" 25 .	A—B
" 30 .	A—D	Aug. 1 .	C—D
June 6 .	B—C	" 8 .	B—D
" 13 .	A—D	" 15 .	A—C
" 20 .	B—C	" 22 .	A—D
" 27 .	B—D	" 29 .	B—C

WALTER L. COLE.

### Feeding the Birds

One afternoon Mr. Bradley asked the bird inspectors to step forth from the line. There were four fellows in all. He then told us to get some grain and to be careful not to step on the new grass. One of the fellows got a bucket. Then we went down to the corn-barn for some grain. We then went around to the feeding-shelters which have been distributed about the place, to put some grain in them. We hunted for birds' nests. We found six robins' nests, which contained eggs. Then we went up to the house and got ready for school.

CLARENCE E. SLINGER.

### Cleaning the South Basement

Some days it is my work to clean the soury basement. I take the hand broom and sweep out the gutter next to the wall. Then I take the floor broom and sweep the floor. I arrange the two benches so that they meet even with the corner of the west basement door. Then I arrange the other benches. I dust the benches, tables, and tops of the drawers. If I have time, I wash the windows and the looking-glass also.

DONALD S. MACPHERSON.

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The grandest month of the year is with us again, and nature smiles her best. But of much more importance to the boys and all others concerned is the fact that our school year ends in June.

At this time the consummation of the year's work in school decides the status of the boys individually and collectively.

June twelfth marks our graduation day, and no doubt most of the boys have been looking forward with great joy and expectancy to this date, some trustingly, others hopefully, while the greatest number were fully confident of being ranked among the successful ones.

It represents hard work throughout the year, combined with a tenacity of purpose that never fails. The young minds have been resting on no flowery beds of ease, but, profiting by the precepts taught, have been learning throughout the year and preparing themselves for the inevitable, to be able to stand alone as integral parts of the great world community.

This has been made possible by the great variety of work which they have been given and expected to perform in correlation with the academic course. Conscious of his work being thoroughly performed, the boy leaves the school confident that he has been prepared to meet the exigencies of life and to combat successfully all obstacles in his path.

This confidence is shared in by the management and the instructors. Eternal vigilance against the sin of lethargy is unmistakably showing good results in the character of The Farm and Trades School boy.

To quote from Bishop Lawrence: "At Thompson's Island he has all his muscles developed and he becomes an American boy with the capacity of standing on his own feet, a boy who can be kicked out west and can make his way, because he was trained to make his way. I commend Thompson's Island not only for the education of the boys, but for the education of its patrons."

What better training can a boy have than

to know himself! And to know himself means that he will live the life that will be the most useful to himself and the community in which he dwells. His good qualities will radiate those with whom he come in contact, for nothing is really learned unless it is shared with others.

The parting word we would give to the graduating class: Continue the simple life begun at The Farm and Trades School. Remember that anything that is worth doing is worth doing well. Strict attention to the small things at hand will open opportunities for greater good. And above all, forget not to invoke the aid supernal. With these words the Beacon bids you good speed and an uneventful yet useful career.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand May 1, 1914	\$877.88
Deposits during the month	43.06
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	920.94
Withdrawn during the month	18.39
Cash on hand June 1, 1914	\$902.55

### May Meteorology

Maximum temperature, 96° on the 26th.  
Minimum temperature, 35° on the 12th.  
Mean temperature for the month, 59.5°.  
Total precipitation, 3.05 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 1.12 inches on the 5th.

8 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 7 clear days, 7 partly cloudy, 17 cloudy days.

Total number of hours sunshine, 260 and 20 minutes.

### Notes

May 1. Gift of fittings from Mr. W. W. Beal of The Lunkenheimer Company.

May 3. Mr. Everett S. Burkett of Newton Theological Seminary conducted Sunday services.

May 4. Incubated 150 eggs.

2100 tree seedlings arrived to set in nursery.

Put Steamer Pilgrim on blocks, removed winter sheathing and copper-painted her bottom.

May 5. Began planting tree seedlings in nursery.

May 6. Mr. Ellery Clark and Capt. Salvadore of the Massachusetts Humane Society here to demonstrate life-saving gun.

May 7. 42 fruit trees arrived.

Varnished cabin and painted deck of Steamer Pilgrim.

May 8. Repaired and painted steamer's life-boat.

May 11. Incubated 129 eggs.

Sowed oats and peas in grove at Cemetery Hill.

May 12. Secretary Tucker Daland here. William G. Cummings, '98, and Bradley M. Sherman, '12, here.

Friends' Day. One hundred eighty persons came to the Island on the steamer "Betty Alden" of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company, and returned on the "Old Colony."

May 14. Treasurer Arthur Adams here.

Dressed hog weighing 225 pounds.

Set twelve sugar maple trees in grove west of main building.

May 15. Bernhardt Gerecke, '12, here.

Repaired and varnished oars for all the row-boats.

Sowing oats and peas, and seeding with grass seed.

Removed three old trees south of storage-barn and set in twelve Lombardy poplars

May 18. Finished 1914 map of agricultural activities.

Planted one acre of sweet corn.

Sowed late cauliflower and cabbage seed.

May 19. Planted beans on Observatory Hill.

Planted one acre mangel-wurzels east of compost-shed.

May 20. Cut first winter rye for green feed.

Sowed beet, onion, lettuce, radish, and spinach seed in garden.

May 21. Finished stocking down eight acres.

Planted cucumbers, melon, and summer squash seed.

May 22. Charles Whitney, '07, spent the afternoon with us.

May 23. Repaired and painted barge John Alden.

Twenty-five boys attended Harvard-Princeton base-ball game, through the kindness of Mr. Fred Moore and Mr. Arthur Beane.

William N. Hughes, '59, and Mr. George A. Tyler, after battling with the waves in canoes, landed on the Island and were taken to South Boston in the Pilgrim.

May 24. Sunday. Memorial services at the cemetery. Boys in charge.

May 25. Began planting potatoes.

May 27. Seventy chickens were hatched in the incubator.

Twenty-six hundred strawberry plants arrived.

May 28. Sowed carrot seed.

Transplanted cauliflower and cabbage.

May 29. Transplanted tomatoes.

Man repairing telephones.

Began taking season's ice supply.

Mr. Gustaf Larsson and graduating class from the Sloyd Training School visited the Island.

May 30. Memorial Day.

Ball-game between instructors and boys.

Mr. Merton P. Ellis, '99, Mrs. Ellis, and Mrs. Arthur Vaughn here to spend Sunday.

Rigged and placed barge John Alden to serve as judges' boat for South Boston Yacht Club races.

May 31. Rev. and Mrs. James Huxtable here for the evening.

Mr. B. H. Clark of Newton Theological Seminary conducted Sunday services.

### Starch

While I have been working in the laundry I have seen a great deal of starch, and have often wondered what it really was composed of. I had an idea, however, that it was obtained

from the potato. On investigation I find that starch is a proximate principle of plants. It occurs in seeds, such as wheat and other cereal grains, and also in leguminous plants, in the tubers of potatoes, in barks and pulpy fruits. It will not dissolve in cold water, alcohol, or ether; but when it is heated with water it is changed into a solution which when cool forms a stiff semi-opaque jelly and has the result, when put on collars, cuffs, etc., of making them stiff.

HARRY L. FESSENDEN.

### Band Music Books

We have in our band-hall a large cupboard in which are many small compartments, one for each instrument in the band. We put all our music books in these. We have two small black folios. One is numbered "one," in which all the new marches we get are pasted; in the other are pasted all the new melodies which we get. We have a large black folio in which all large sheet music is kept. We also have "The American Instructor" and "Ripley's Instructor for Beginners," in which are some marches and melodies that the regular band plays. We also have the "Ripley Band Book." All the popular music that we get is kept in an envelope by itself.

JOHN L. SHERMAN.

### Evening Activities

Every evening there is something going on in which the fellows are interested. On Monday nights our grade is read to us in the chapel; on Tuesday nights lectures are given on meteorology and agriculture, alternately; on Wednesday nights there is a class in wood-working; on Thursday nights the class in printing uses the first school-room; on Friday nights the band goes out to the band-hall to practice with Mr. Ellis, the band instructor; on Saturday nights the choir uses the chapel to practice the Sunday hymns; on Sunday nights service is held in the chapel. Often there are other things worked in with these activities, such as moving-pictures, stereoptican lectures, and other entertainments.

CARL D. P. HYNES.

**Semi-annual Meeting**

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of the anniversary fund, and an address by Harry A. English, '96, of Boston.

President Foster has appointed the following committees:

Membership—Walter B. Foster, Chairman; Charles Duncan, Edward Capaul, Merton P. Ellis, Herbert W. French, John M. Sargent, Elbert L. West.

Entertainment—Merton P. Ellis, Chairman; Charles H. Bridgham, Charles Duncan, James H. Graham, Ernest N. Jorgensen.

Auditing — Alfred C. Malm, Chairman; George W. E. Byers, Augustus N. Doe.

Finance—Walter B. Foster, Chairman; Richard Bell, Merton P. Ellis.

Resolutions—William Alcott, Chairman; Otis M. Howard, Henry M. Stokes.

Sick and Visiting—Richard Bell, Chairman; Edward L. Davis, Charles F. Spear.

Anniversary—Richard Bell, Chairman and Treasurer; Merton P. Ellis, Secretary; George Buchan, Charles H. Bridgham, Edward Capaul, Charles Duncan, Thomas J. Evans, Walter B. Foster, Henry A. Fox, Herbert W. French, Alden B. Hefler, Alfred C. Malm, Charles F. Spear.

Undergraduates—William Alcott, Chairman; Richard Bell, George Buchan, Thomas J. Evans, Herbert W. French, Alden B. Hefler, Clarence W. Loud, John F. Peterson.

Alumni Notes—William Alcott, Chairman; Charles H. Bridgham, William G. Cummings, Arthur D. Fearing, William P. Morrison, Frank C. Simpson.

**Distributing Type**

In the printing-office after the Beacon and other jobs have been printed and the forms are not needed any more, the type is cleaned with gasoline. Water is then put on the type to keep it from being "pied," after which the type is distributed into the cases, ready to be used again.

DONALD M. WILDE.

**Mending Shirts**

When the fellows' shirts are changed, they are sent to the laundry to be washed, after which they are taken to the sewing-room to be mended, if they need it. First we sort them, putting the ones that do not need mending in one pile. Then we put the ones for hand-work in another pile and the ones for machine-darning in another, and we then make another pile of the ones that are not worth doing. Of the latter we cut the buttons off and then put the discarded shirts in a basket for scrub-cloths. We then take the shirts that need hand-work and do them. One fellow does the hand-work, and another does the darning on the machine. After all the shirts have been mended, the instructor looks them over, and if they are all right they are sent to the clothing-room.

HERBERT L. DUDLEY.

**Painting**

One morning I made forty-five pounds of buff paint by mixing together about thirty-five pounds of white lead, seven and three quarters pounds of French ochre and eight ounces of Venetian red. After straining out two pails of it, I carried them to the wharf. I began to paint the planks that form the flooring for the scow, laying one at a time across from the swimming-float to the beach, and after one side was painted, turning it over so as to paint the other side, after which the ends were painted. I finished ten planks during the morning.

WALTER I. TASSINARI

**Dipping the Flag**

On the afternoon of May 20th the Massachusetts Nautical Training Ship "Ranger" went out from the Navy Yard and sailed past our island. On it were two of the School's graduates. When it could be clearly seen from the playground, Mr. Beebe told one of the fellows to dip the flag three times, after which the "Ranger" returned the salute. It went out to Boston Light, and back again. On the 21st it sailed on its annual trip.

ARTHUR B. GILBERT.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

WALTER B. FOSTER, '78, President  
Hingham

MERTON P. ELLIS, '99, Secretary  
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Dorchester

RICHARD BELL, '73, Treasurer  
Dorchester

EDWARD L. CAPAUL, '05, Vice-President  
Roxbury

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, Historian  
Everett

### Semi-annual Meeting

The semi-annual business meeting of the Alumni Association was held at Hotel Bellevue, Boston, on May 13th. President Walter B. Foster presided, and the following members were present: William Alcott, Richard Bell, Sherman G. Brasher, George W. E. Byers, William G. Cummings, Charles Duncan, Howard B. Ellis, Merton P. Ellis, Harry A. English, James H. Graham, George M. Holmes, Otis M. Howard, Alfred C. Malm, William P. Morrison, Frederick W. Piercy, John M. Sargent, Frank C. Simpson, and Charles A. Smith.

The following applications for membership were favorably acted upon: Frederick J. Barton, '09, of Farmington, Me.; Sherman G. Brasher, '77, of Dorchester; James R. Gregory, '10, of Cambridge; Alfred W. Jacobs, '10, of Hingham; Preston W. Lewis, '81, of East Weymouth; J. Herman Marshall, '11, of Wilmington; Edward A. Moore, '79, of Jamaica Plain; Eliot Rowell, '12, of Dorchester; and Frank W. Wallace, '82, of Somerville.

Richard Bell, treasurer of the anniversary fund, reported cash gifts, with interest, amounting to \$969.92, while before the meeting adjourned further gifts of \$57 were received, making the total \$1,026.92. On May 20th the fund amounted to \$1,136.92.

A resolution on the death of Joseph H. Kelley, Ex '73, of Everett, was adopted, and votes of thanks were passed to Walter E. Adams of Boston, for his splendid publicity work in connection with the centennial anniversary, and to Charles Evans, '66, of Chicago, for his able and gratifying representation of the Alumni at the religious services in the Old South Church on March 21st.

The historian read an original poem, written by Mrs. Anna Blackstone Valiquet, wife of

Bruce Valiquet, '80, of Stoughton, entitled "Memories of Thompson's Island."

The anniversary committee reported tentative plans for the annual field day, June 17th, at the School, which included the presentation

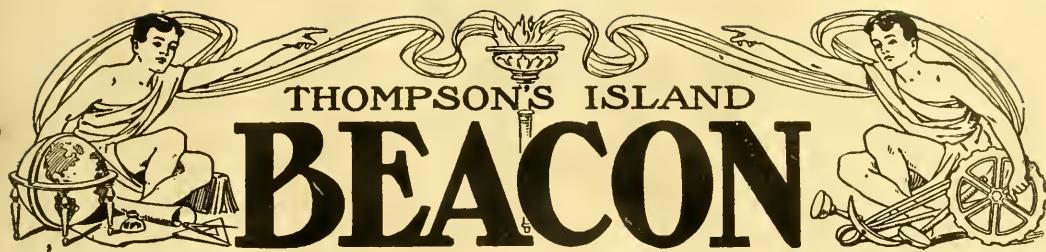
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### Alumni Notes

JOSEPH H. KELLEY, '74, who had been a member of the Everett Police Department for nearly twenty-one years, died at his home, 10 Green Street, Everett, Sunday, April 5. He lacked twenty-five days of being fifty-six years old. Mr. Kelley was born May 1, 1858, in South Boston, and entered the Farm School in June, 1867. He graduated in June, 1874. He had followed the sea for a time, after which he was employed as a horse-car driver, and upon the installation of electricity he ran the first electric car from Everett to Boston. In 1893 he was appointed a patrolman in the Everett Police Department. He was treasurer of the Everett Police Relief Association. Funeral services were held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Everett, and was attended by nearly the entire police department membership. He left a wife and five children.

JOHN J. POWERS, '00, is employed by the United Shoe Machinery Company at Beverly, Mass. He was married in July, 1911, and lives at Wenham, Mass., where he has a pleasant home with ample room for a garden and hens, the kind of a home he enjoys very much.

CHARLES H. WHITNEY, '07, is shipper in the shoe factory of Williams & Kneeland, South Braintree, where he has worked since leaving the School. He is married and has one child, a boy of two years, and lives at 820 Washington Street, South Braintree, Mass.



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## Anniversary Observance

The month of June witnessed two notable events in connection with the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the Farm and Trades School, and they rounded out in interest and dignity the initial century service held in the Old South Church in Boston on March twenty-first.

On the second day of June, a company of friends and patrons of the School, aggregating nearly six hundred, and forming what is undoubtedly the largest invasion that Thompson's Island has ever seen, inspected the School at work. In the school room, in the shop and on the farm, the daily routine of work was carried on under ordinary conditions, that the visitors might see in a few hours the variety and extent of the unique methods of the School.

Then on the seventeenth of June occurred the annual field day of the Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School, when exercises were held on the south lawn, and a fund of money was presented to their alma mater through the Board of Managers. In many ways this was the proudest event of the celebration.

The event of June second was under the auspices of the Board of Managers and the following patronesses: Mrs. Melvin O. Adams, Mrs. Alfred Bowditch, Mrs. Charles H. Bradley, Mrs. Gorham Brooks, Mrs. I. Tucker Burr, Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, Mrs. Charles P. Curtis, Mrs. Tucker Daland, Mrs. George L. DeBlois, Mrs.

Malcolm Donald, Mrs. Thomas J. Evans, Mrs. Charles T. Gallagher, Mrs. Robert H. Gardiner, Jr., Mrs. N. Penrose Hallowell, Mrs. Robert Homans, Mrs. Henry Jackson, Mrs. Charles E. Mason, Mrs. Roger Pierce, Mrs. Richard M. Saltonstall, Miss Miriam Shaw, Mrs. William L. Spaulding, Mrs. Moses Williams, Jr., and Mrs. Ralph B. Williams.

A special steamer of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company was provided, which left Boston at 2.30 p. m., and was at the service of the party for the whole afternoon. Upon arrival the visitors were escorted to the south lawn, where brief exercises explanatory of the purpose of the School were held. Mr. Charles P. Curtis presided, and after brief remarks, presented Mr. Bradley, the Superintendent, who spoke of the historic associations of Thompson's Island, and told something of the educational system pursued.

A route of inspection had been previously laid out for the occasion, to better enable the visitors to see the maximum of things in the minimum amount of time, and with a dozen members of the Alumni Association as ushers distributed at various points to direct the visitors along the arranged course, the great company moved along over an itinerary about as follows:

From steamer to front lawn for brief remarks, from front lawn to printing-office (in Gardner Hall), laundry, through basement, sloyd-room and band-room (third floor of power-house), machine-shop, carpenter-shop, blacksmith-shop, engine-room, boiler-room; past east end of power-house and Gardner Hall, through boys' gardens, play-ground, exhibit shelters on

east side of play-ground, Cottage Row, exhibit shelters on west side of play-ground, to main building, store-room, kitchen, dining-room, south basement, north basement, assembly-room, second school-room, first school-room, assembly-hall, reading-room, office, dormitories, and other rooms of main building, to north lawn for tea and music.

Then under the trees on the north lawn, the company gathered after the tour of inspection, and were served with tea. There the band played, and later when augmented by the other boys, there was chorus singing. The company returned to Boston about 5.30

Serving as ushers were the following graduates: James H. Graham, '80, Leroy S. Kenfield, '82, William Alcott, '84, George W. E. Byers, '87, William G. Cummings, '98, Elbert L. West, '98, Howard B. Ellis, '99, Merton P. Ellis, '99, Alfred C. Malm, '01, George M. Holmes, '10, Don C. Clarke, '06, and W. P. Norwood, '05.

The centenary exercises reached their climax on June seventeenth, when the Alumni Association held its field day. The company which left City Point that morning numbered nearly two hundred, and included alumni and their families and friends. It was a perfect June day. The south lawn, where the exercises were held in the open, was decorated with the blue and gold of the school colors. At one side The Farm and Trades School Band was stationed, and behind them the boys and instructors. In the center were seats for the alumni and their friends. At the front were several members of the Board of Managers, including President Alfred Bowditch, Secretary Tucker Daland, and Thomas John Evans, '64. Walter B. Foster, '78, president of the Alumni Association, presided, and he called upon Rev. George W. Russell, '86, of East Dover, Vt., to make the invocation. President Foster's address dealt with the obligation of the alumni to the School and expressed the hopes for the future. Harry A. English, '96, of Boston, a member of the Sullfolk bar, was orator of the day, and his effort not only did himself, but his school as well, proud. With instrumental accompaniment, the

undergraduates sang the school song, "Cheer for Thompson's Island." Frank C. Simpson, '03, of Somerville, read an original poem, entitled "Our Mother School." Richard Bell, '73, of Dorchester, treasurer of the the Alumni Association, made the formal presentation of the alumni gift, a check for \$1700, which was accepted for the School by President Alfred Bowditch of the Board of Managers, and who spoke of the significance of such a gift, and how much it expressed in loyalty and interest. He said the Alumni Association was one of the best assets of the School. With a few words from Mr. Bradley and the benediction by Rev. George W. Russell, the formal exercises came to an end.

A business meeting of the association followed in the chapel, where an illuminated and framed address was presented by Richard Bell, declaring that "We, the undersigned graduates present at the culminating event at the School in commemmoration of the one hundredth anniversary, and with hearts filled with pride and love, hereby renew our vows of loyalty to our beloved School and its distinctive work." Then followed blank spaces for signatures. Before the day was over this was signed by all and will have a place on the walls of the School, memorial of the great occasion.

The usual \$25.00 was given Mr. Bradley to be used for the boys' pleasure, and the passing of the hat brought in \$106.25 additional, to be used as he saw fit.

Lunch was served on the east lawn. During the afternoon the usual games and sports for the undergraduates occurred, the alumni contributing money for cash prizes of 50, 30 and 20 cents in each event. For the alumni the chief sporting event was the base-ball game between married and single men, which was won by the latter by a score of 19 to 16. Dancing in Assembly Hall occupied the late afternoon. Supper was served on the tennis lawn.

Through the generosity of an alumnus there was a display of fire-works at night, for which most of the company remained, and which closed the celebration.

The following were present:

George J. Alcott; William and Mrs. Alcott, Miss Marion Alcott, Miss Louise Alcott, Roger Alcott; George H. Appel; Henry M. Bassett, Mrs. Augustus Bassett, Mr. Bassett; Clarence W. and Mrs. Barr; George L. and Mrs. Bell; Richard and Mrs. Bell, Miss Alice Bell, Miss Frances Bell; Mr. Francis G. Libby; Albert S. Beetchy; Edson M. Bemis; Miss Eliot; John E. and Mrs. Bete, Channing Bete, Raymond Bete; Sherman G. and Mrs. Brasher; Charles H. Bridgham; George E. and Mrs. Bridgham; Frank G. Bryant, Charles A. Blatchford; Louis C. and Mrs. Buettner; Edward and Mrs. Capaul, Miss Myrtle J. Capual; Walter L. and Mrs. Carpenter; Ernest M. Catton; William G. Cummings; George and Mrs. Buchan, Miss Pauline Buchan, Chester W. Buchan, Harold B. Buchan; Augustus N. Doe; Horace A. Lattimer; Charles and Mrs. Duncan, Miss Barbara Duncan; Almond H. Dutton, Miss Doris Dutton, Donald Dutton; Miss Grace Bassett; Howard B. Ellis, Howard B. Ellis, Jr.; Merton P. and Mrs. Ellis; Harry A. English, Mrs. Fanny English; John O. Enright; Thomas J. and Mrs. Evans; Miss L. M. Irish; Ernest B. Favier, Miss Alice Favier, Ernest Favier; Arthur D. and Mrs. Fearing, Mrs. Mary A. Fearing; Walter B. Foster; Herbert W. and Mrs. French, W. and Mrs. Hobart French; Ralph L. Gordon; Robert Gordon; S. Tilden; Lewis Tilden; James H. and Mrs. Graham; A. Farley Brewer; Elwyn Simons; James Gregory; Robert W. Gregory; Frank W. and Mrs. Harris; George K. and Mrs. Hartmann; Alden B. Hefler; Solomon B. Holman; George M. Holmes; H. Champney and Mrs. Hughes, Miss Dorothy Hughes; William N. Hughes; Alfred W. Jacobs; Harold Y. Jacobs; Leslie R. Jones; Miss Lillian Anderson; Walter J. Kirwin; Thornton B. and Mrs. Lewis; Frank I. Lombard; Clarence W. and Mrs. Loud, Miss Edith Loud, Miss Ruth Loud, Clarence W. Loud, Jr.; Mrs. H. B. Stoddard; Alfred C. and Mrs. Malm; Edwin L. and Mrs. Marshall, Miss Beatrice C. Marshall, Louis C. Marshall, Charles W. Matthews, Miss Matthews; Louis E. Means; Prescott B. Merrifield; Thomas Milne; Edward A. Moore; Bernard F. Murdock;

Miss B. M. Waddell; George G. Noren; Mrs. J. F. Mitchell; Mrs. C. H. Bridgham; Clarence O. Norrby; Walter D. and Mrs. Norwood; James A. Peak; Willard H. Perry; Frederick W. and Mrs. Piercy, Miss Eva Piercy, Russell Piercy; John J. and Mrs. Powers; Michael J. and Mrs. Powers; Albert E. and Mrs. Pratt; I. Banks and Mrs. Quimby; Eliot Rowell, Miss Alice Corey; Rev. George W. and Mrs. Russell; Harold N. Silver; Lawrence C. Silver; Frank C. and Mrs. Simpson; Charles A. Smith, Mrs. Ella G. Keller, Miss Marion Keller, Miss Mabel E. Smith, John M. Travers; Herbert A. Souther, Miss M. F. Healey; Charles F. Spear; Richard W. Steenbruggen; Carl Steinbrick; Henry M. Stokes; Harold S. and Mrs. Taylor, Miss Priscilla L. Taylor, Harold S. Taylor, Jr.; Frederick P. and Mrs. Thayer; Bruce L. and Mrs. Valiquet, Herbert D. and Mrs. Rice; Charles E. Warner; Elbert L. West, Miss Sophie Polak; Richard W. Weston; William J. White; Mrs. William J. Wickett, Miss Ida L. Linton; Carl L. Wittig.

WILLIAM A. ALCOTT, '84.

### Scrubbing and Waxing Chapel Floor

Recently Mr. Beebe sent ten boys up to the chapel to scrub. The instructor in charge told us to get our scrubbing things ready. Then we started to scrub. We took small strips so that we could scrub them better. We scrubbed on one strip for about fifteen minutes with soap and water; then we rinsed it with clean water. It took about two days to scrub and wax the floor, and now it is almost as smooth as glass, and looks very well.

WILBUR F. BLANCHARD.

### Grading

One morning when I was in line Mr. Beebe told me to go down back of the power-house to grade. I took a shovel, a hoe, and a pick. I started in picking off the dirt and hoeing it out of my way. Another boy was right behind me, taking the dirt with his shovel and putting it into a wheelbarrow and carrying it away. I continued this work until quarter of nine and then I went to school.

WILLIAM N. KING.

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The three events which the Managers decided should be the important occasions in the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the School have taken place.

The first, the formal, dignified, and impressive meeting which was held in the Old

South Church, corner of Boylston and Dartmouth Streets, on Saturday afternoon, March twenty-first, was all that the friends of the School had looked forward to. The size and quality of the audience, the order of the exercises and of those who took part, that which they said and the music testified strongly as to the character of the School and the esteem and regard which the community has for it. We were all very proud of this occasion.

The next, June second, which was to be known as Exibition Day, was also a very pleasant and gratifying occasion. It gave to our contributors and other friends of the School an opportunity to see, at first hand, the actual working methods employed here. It was in no sense a holiday with us, but every department was in pursuance of its daily routine of school, work, and play. We were privileged to have here on that day the largest number of persons, probably, that ever visited the Island at one time, not excepting any of the festal occasions held by the Indians prior to the ownership of the Island by David Thompson.

It was a day marked by interest. So pleasantly and quickly did the time pass that visitors, boys, and all regretted what seemed to be an early departure of the special boat.

June seventeenth, Alumni Day, the last of the three days, was equally as successful as the other two, for it gave the graduates of the School the opportunity for showing their love and affection for their Alma Mater in their own way, in their old home, with the freedom and frankness of a great family. The happy, good feeling, interest, loyalty and generosity shown on that day was gratifying to all and especially to the Managers and those of us here at the School. It was an occasion which will long be remembered, by those who had the pleasure of participation.

Other events of less importance but of interest and pleasure to the pupils and their friends, have been and are taking place which will help to mark this centennial year of the School as a red letter year of pleasant memories, interest and progress, and, we trust, the beginning of another century of greater usefulness.

### Notes

June 1. Perley W. White, '13, visited the School.

June 2. Exhibition Day. Four hundred seventy-eight persons came here on the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company's special boat. "Betty Alden." Managers present: Treasurer Arthur Adams, I. Tucker Burr, Vice-President Charles P. Curtis, Thomas J. Evans, Charles E. Mason, Ralph B. Williams.

June 3. Blacksmith here shoeing horses. Gift of twenty-eight chickens from Frank C. Simpson, '03.

June 4. Sprayed orchard with arsenate of lead and lime sulphur, to control insect pests and fungus diseases.

June 5. Set out 2,600 strawberry plants.

June 6. Planted beans, hubbard squash and cucumbers.

Sowed one acre of Japanese Millet between Oak Knoll and Whale's Back.

June 8. Launched the Sachem.

June 9. Finished planting field corn at North End.

Finished lettering diplomas for graduates in 1914 classes.

June 10. Finished setting out 1,250 tomato plants.

June 12. Graduation Day. Three hundred thirty-seven persons came to the Island on the Nantasket Beach Steamboat "Rose Standish." Mr. William Sayward speaker.

Dr. Frank E. Allard presented United States History Prizes.

Managers Charles T. Gallagher and Treasurer Arthur Adams here, also Mr. Walter E. Adams.

Dancing in Assembly Hall in the evening.

June 13. Planted 1 1-2 acres of sweet corn south of orchard.

June 14. First swim of the season.

June 15. Captain Tucket of Customs Boat at wharf inspecting boats.

June 16. Planted potatoes in young orchard.

June 17. Alumni Field Day. Excercises on front lawn.

Mr. Walter B. Foster, '78, President of the Alumni Association, presided.

Address by Mr. Harry A. English '96.

Original poem, "Our Mother School," by Mr. Frank C. Simpson, '03.

Presentation by Mr. Richard Bell, '73, of \$1,700 in behalf of the Alumni.

Acceptance by President Alfred Bowditch, representing the Board of Managers.

Prayer by Rev. George W. Russell, '86.

Annual gift of \$25 from Alumni for boys.

Hat contribution of \$106.25 for discretionary use.

Sports on the playground and dancing in the Assembly Hall in the afternoon.

Fireworks in the evening, the gift of an alumnus.

Mr. Walter E. Adams, Miss Fanny L. Walton and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Feeney and son here.

June 18. Lawrence M. Cobb left the School to live with his mother. He will enter Colby Acadmy in the Fall.

June 19. Man here to demonstrate use of addressograph machine, gift of Manager Francis Shaw.

June 21. Picked first peas.

June 22. Planted mangel-wurzels in part of young orchard and in the garden.

June 24. Painted upper part of hull and varnished rail of steamer Pilgrim.

June 25. Filled wood-cellars with drift-wood for bakery.

June 26. Commenced haying.

Put in concrete foundations and erected outdoor gymnastic outfit, gift of Mrs. Charles E. Mason.

June 29. Set five hundred pepper plants.

June 30. Commenced transplanting celery.

Sowed three rows of beets for winter use.

Dressed veal weighing one hundred and thirty-five pounds.

**The Farm and Trades School Bank**

Cash on hand June 1, 1914	\$902.55
Deposits during the month	128.66
	<u>1031.21</u>
Withdrawn during the month	49.25
Cash on hand July 1, 1914	\$981.96

**June Meteorology**

Maximum temperature, 89° on the 12th and 25th.

Minimum temperature, 49° on the 9th.

Mean temperature for the month, 64.4°.

Total precipitation, 1.32 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .50 inches on the 27th.

7 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 5 clear days, 22 partly cloudy, 3 cloudy days.

Total number of hours sunshine, 259 and 10 minutes.

**Graduation Day**

The graduation exercises of the Class of 1914 were held in the North Grove on Friday, June twelfth, in the presence of a large number of visitors, who had come on the "Rose Standish," a special boat of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company.

The address of the day was delivered by Mr. William H. Sayward, who was introduced by Manager Charles T. Gallagher.

The programme was opened with music by the band, after which prayer was offered by Rev. James Huxtable.

The programme was as follows:

Music . . . . .	Band
Prayer . . . . .	Rev. James Huxtable
Salutatory . . . . .	George W. N. Starrett
Essay . . . . .	Warner E. Spear
	War Vessels
Song . . . . .	School
	To Thee, O Country
Essay . . . . .	Ralph G. Hadley
	Lumbering
Music . . . . .	Band
School Song . . . . .	School
	F. T. S.
Essay . . . . .	Theodore Milne
	Fishing

Valedictory . . . . . Geoffrey E. Plunkett

Introduction of Speaker

By Manager Charles T. Gallagher

Address . . . . . Mr. William H. Sayward

Presentation of Diplomas

Superintendent Charles H. Bradley

Awarding of the United States History Prizes

Given by Frank E. Allard, M. D.

Music . . . . . Band

The following essays were prepared, but on account of the length of the programme were omitted:

Bees . . . . . Roy W. Bashaw

Mosquitoes . . . . . Stanley W. Clark

Base-ball . . . . . Lawrence M. Cobb

Agriculture . . . . . Perry Coombs

The Panama Canal . . . . . Harry L. Fessenden

Poultry . . . . . Leslie S. Foster

Cottage Row . . . . . Francis C. Gardner

Mexican War . . . . . Franklin E. Gunning

Grains . . . . . Walter S. Hall, Jr.

Irrigation . . . . . William Hill

Something About Trees . . . . . Carl D. P. Hynes

Foot-ball . . . . . Charles R. Jefferson

History of Our Band . . . . . John L. Sherman

History of Our School . . . . . Ernest E. Slocomb

The Conquest of the Air . . . . . Walter I. Tassinaři

Dairying . . . . . Frederick E. Van Valkenburg

The United States History prizes, given by Dr. Allard to the boys who stand the highest in recitations and examinations in the study of the History of the United States, were awarded as follows:

Charles O. Rolfe, 1st prize, \$12.

Harold L. Card, 2nd prize, \$8.

Floyd A. Warren, 3rd prize, \$5.

After the awarding of the History prizes by Dr. Allard, Mr. Bradley announced the next Friends' Day, July 8th. He said that plans for a Friends' Day are being arranged whereby the boys, instead of their friends coming ashore on the Island, will visit them on the steamer, and together enjoy a trip down the bay, returning about 5 o'clock, when the boys will disembark at our wharf, and their friends will return to their homes.

## Graduating Classes

### LITERARY

Roy W. Bashaw	William Hill
Stanley W. Clark	Carl D. P. Hynes
Lawrence M. Cobb	Charles R. Jefferson
Perry Coombs	Theodore Milne
Harry L. Fessenden	Geoffrey E. Plunkett
Leslie S. Foster	John L. Sherman
Francis C. Gardner	Ernest E. Slocumb
Franklin E. Gunning	Warner E. Spear
Ralph G. Hadley	George W. N Starrett
Walter S. Hall, Jr.	Walter I. Tassinari
Frederick E. Van Valkenburg	

### SLOYD

Harold L. Carlton	William Hill
Erwin L. Coolidge	Charles R. Jefferson
Herbert L. Dudley	Ernest E. Slocumb
Harry L. Fessenden	Warner E. Spear
Franklin E. Gunning	Walter I. Tassinari
Frederick E. Van Valkenburg	

### FORGING

Perry Coombs

DONALD M. WILDE.

## A Red-winged Blackbird

One day while I was working in back of the power-house, I heard a noise that drew my attention. I looked up in the air and saw a bird flying back and forth. First it would fly into the grass, and then into a tree. Every time it left a tree, it would fly down into the grass again and then into a different tree. The bird came within six feet of me. I noticed that it was all black except a red spot on each wing. When flying it made a noise like a crow, but when it was in a tree or in the grass, it made a different kind of a noise. When I was through with my work, another fellow found the name of this bird in a bird guide, and showed it to me. It was a red-winged blackbird. These birds make their nests in low bushes or on the ground. This being the first red-winged blackbird I have ever seen, I was very much interested in it.

LLEWELYN H. LEWIS.

## Scrubbing the Standish

Lately we have been scrubbing the row-boat Standish. A number of fellows carried it up from the wharf and placed it between Gardner Hall and the main building. Then two other fellows, besides myself, put on rubber boots and got a scrub-brush and pail. We put hot water into the buckets, as hot water will take off dirt easier than cold water. We commenced on the outside of the boat, putting a little water on, and plenty of soap. We scrubbed quite a piece and took the water that was left in the bucket and threw it over the part that we scrubbed, to rinse it. Then we got another pail of water and did the same thing over again until the outside was finished.

WILLIAM B. CROSS.

## Useful Birds

One of our most common birds is the robin. The robin arrives in March and leaves in the fall. Many persons who grow small fruits are prejudiced against the robin, believing it is destructive to the crops. But these fruits are only a small part of a robin's diet. An experiment proved that a robin eats mostly worms, and of these forty-one per cent more than its own weight in twelve hours. The length of these worms if laid end to end would reach fourteen feet. The wood-pecker is another useful bird. A live wood-pecker is said to be worth twenty dollars, as it eats more than twice its weight in worms and bugs in twenty-four hours. Such birds as these should be protected, for when they grow scarce, the insects grow more plentiful.

HENRY P. HOLMES.

## A Bird's Nest

One day I found a nest in a maple tree. It was a robin's nest and had four greenish blue eggs in it. I kept watch of it and one day when I looked into it there were three little birds. I also watched the mother bird feeding them. All would open their mouths for something to eat. They grew quite fast and one day as I was passing by I found that they had gone.

BYRON E. COLLINS.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

WALTER B. FOSTER, '78, President  
Hingham

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Dorchester

EDWARD L. CAPAUL, '05, Vice-President  
Roxbury

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, Historian  
Everett

GEORGE K. HARTMAN, '75, who is with the American Tool & Machine Company at Hyde Park, remarked that he was becoming more impressed, each time he visited the School, with the educational advantages offered to the Farm School boy, and the benefit he had derived from his training here. He lives at 428 Hyde Park Avenue, Roslindale, Mass.

EDWARD A. MOORE, '76, after leaving school went to work in a machine shop for a time and the next twenty years he spent at sea. For the past twelve years he has been janitor in the Boston Public Schools. His home is at 10 Rodman Street, Forest Hills, Mass.

SHERMAN G. BRASHER, '76, at one time was the youngest boy here, being only seven years old. His favorite occupation at that time was picking potato bugs. He now works at the South Station as foreman of the outward baggage room, having been there for fifteen years. He belongs to the Odd Fellows, and the Encampment, and lives at 16 Elmhurst St., Dorchester. Mr. Brasher says, "The teaching I received in my younger days I did not realize. After one gets out in the world he appreciates it."

ERNEST FAVIER, '77, has been for the past two years with the Walter M. Lowney Co., 486 Hanover Street. He has five children, three of whom are married. His home address is 57 Dudley Street, Roxbury, Mass.

BRUCE L. VALIQUET, '80, who made his first visit here on June 17th since 1881, entered the School in July, 1876, and left in 1880. After leaving the School he went to sea for a time, and then into the catering business. At present he is engaged in painting and contract work at Stoughton. Mrs. Valiquet has written a very interesting book of poems.

CARL STEINBRICK, '94, is at the Massachusetts Hospital School at Canton. He is very much interested in his Alma Mater and hopes to keep in close touch with us by taking the Beacon.

CLARENCE W. BARR, '02, after leaving school worked on a farm in Vermont for a time and then went into a machine shop. For the last eight years he has been chauffeur for J. H. Berry of Somerville. He has three children. His home address is 18 Oxford Street, Somerville, Mass.

### Changing Shoes

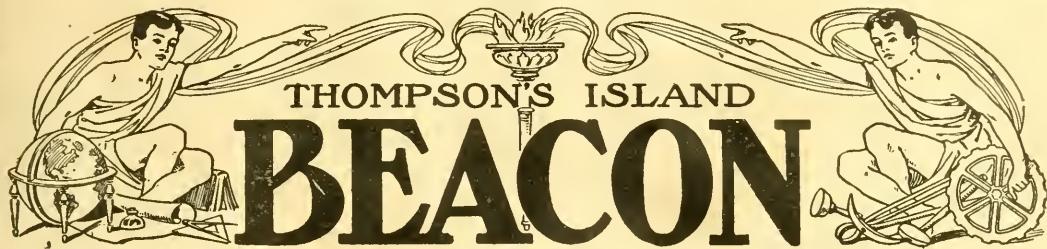
On Saturdays when the fellows come out from the dining-room at noon, Mr. Beebe inspects the shoes. If a fellow needs his shoes changed he takes them to the cobbler-shop. If they haven't any there that fit him he has to get a new pair from the clothing-room. When he gets a new pair, he attaches a tag to his old shoes with his number and the date written on. After they are repaired they are put in a cupboard, and the next time he changes his shoes he is given these.

FRED J. MANDEVILLE.

### Setting Glass

Once a week the paint shop fellow has to set glass wherever the instructor tells him to do so. He takes a screw-driver with him, which he uses on the window to remove it. Then he takes the sash to the paint-shop and puts in the size of glass it needs. After the glass is put in, some glazier-points are inserted into the sash to keep the glass firm. After that the sash is puttied, and the window is then ready to be put back in its proper place.

ERWIN L. COOLIDGE.



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## Fourth of July

On the morning of July fourth we were awokened at 4.13 by the cannon salute and reveille. While the bugler was doing his part, Capt. Dix had the brass cannon out on the playground and was firing away. He fired twenty-one shots. At 8 o'clock the supplies, consisting of fire-crackers, torpedoes and flags, were given out to the boys. Then the boys lined up and went down to the wharf, where the aquatic sports commenced at 9.30. The programme for the day was as follows:

### MORNING.

4.13—Flag Raising and Cannon Salute.  
Reveille.  
6.30—Breakfast.  
8.00—Distribution of Supplies.  
9.30—Aquatic Sports by the Landing:  
    High Tide 8.13.  
    Swimming, over 15.  
    Swimming, under 15.  
    Swimming Under Water.  
    Swimming on Back.  
    Somersault Race.  
    Swimming for Stake, Blindfolded.  
    Walking Greased Spar.  
11.30—Dinner.  
12.00—Cannon Salute.

### AFTERNOON.

2.00—Sports and Races on the Playground:  
    Cross Country Run.  
    Obstacle Race.  
    Barrel Race.  
    Crab Race.  
    Pie Race.

### 3.30—Sports on Beach Road:

Tug of War.  
Mile Run.  
Five-legged Race.  
100-yard Dash, over 15.  
100-yard Dash, under 15.  
220-yard Dash.  
Wheelbarrow Race, over 15.  
Wheelbarrow Race, under 15.  
Relay Race.

### 5.30—Supper.

### EVENING

7.25—Flag Lowering and Cannon Salute.  
8.00—Bon Fire.  
9.30—Taps. NORMAN R. WYATT.

## A League Game

Through the kindness of the Newspaper Club of Boston, we saw a game of base-ball on July sixteenth, at Fenway Park, between the Red Sox and Detroit. They also furnished us with cars and escort. The game was very interesting. As we were sitting in the grand stand a gong sounded. Then the teams went out to practice. When the next gong sounded the game started. We were each given a score-card, peanuts, pop-corn and a bottle of tonic. I saw one player whom I wanted to see very much. His name is Tris Speaker. When he went to the bat everyone would cheer. He brought in the first run for Boston. The score was five to two in favor of Detroit. We wish to thank the Newspaper Club for their kindness, and especially Mr. Walter E. Adams, Mr. John Buchanan, Mr. George M. Dimond, Mr. Thomas J. Feeney, Mr. W. E. Webb, and President Lannin of the Red Sox.

FORREST L. CHURCHILL.

### Starting Cows to Brighton

One morning recently at about half-past five the watchman woke me up and said, "Go down and help get the scow on the beach." At about quarter of six Capt. Dix came down to the beach and said we were going to make a trip at about half-past seven and that we would take over a couple of cows, which were to be taken to Brighton. As the water was rather rough, he said that I had better stay by while one of the other fellows went to breakfast, and then he would relieve me, when I could go and get mine. When I went down after breakfast they were getting the cows aboard, and a little later Mr. Bradley came down and told us to haul the scow alongside the steamer and make fast. After this was done we started on the trip. Arriving at City Point, we landed the cows on the beach, and then went to the Public Landing and got some freight. Later I was sent for the newspapers. On the return trip Mr. Bradley told all to come into the cabin and hear the war news, which everyone was anxious to hear, I am sure.

CALVIN O. HOLMES.

### Planting Grass Seed

One afternoon Mr. Beebe sent me over to the farm-house to get about two quarts of lawn mixture. If I could not get that, I was to get some orchard grass or some Kentucky blue grass. I could only get the Kentucky blue grass. I brought it up to the house and he told me to put a little in the places where dandelions had been dug. I filled up all these places and then it was time to get ready for school.

FLOYD A. WARREN.

### Hilling Potatoes

One afternoon after we had finished weeding the corn piece, we went over to the potato piece to take out the weeds and hill the potatoes. To hill the potatoes we lifted up the vines that were hanging out in the furrow and hoed earth around the roots so the potatoes would have plenty of earth over them. We did about a quarter of a row apiece.

ROBERT H. PETERSON.

### A Trip to Stoughton

On Saturday, August first, Mr. Shaw and four fellows attended the Bee-keepers' exhibit at Mr. Britton's in Stoughton, Mass. We left the Island at about eight o'clock. When we arrived at the Public Landing, City Point, we took a car for the South Station. Then we went up town to get some things for our lunch. As our train did not leave until six minutes past ten, we had ample time to look around and see things. We saw a Scotch procession, and we were interested in watching that. Then we returned to the station and boarded our train. We had a good ride out to Canton Junction, where we changed cars for Stoughton. Arriving at Stoughton, we had an automobile ride to Mr. Britton's place. The first thing that interested us was a bungalow. Inside of it was some of the honey and wax made by the bees. The honey looked so good that we felt like eating some of it out of the case. After looking around in there we went outside and became interested in the beehives that were in a shelter beside the house. At about half past twelve we had our lunch in a small grove at the side of the bungalow. At about half past one the lectures began. The men who spoke were some of the leading bee-keepers and inspectors in the State. They spoke on how to keep bees, their food, and how to obtain the purest honey. They then brought out some hives and showed us the colonies of bees and the queen bee. Then there was a cornet duet by Mr. Britton and his brother. This ended the exhibit and we started for home.

HUBERT N. LEACH.

### Digging Blueweeds

One day recently three other boys and I were told to dig blueweeds along the side of the bank and on the side of the road leading to the north end. Each one of us took a strip about four yards wide and fifteen yards long, so that it would not take very long to do several strips. After we had quite a number of blueweeds dug we put them in piles along the road, and later carried them back of the power-house to be burned.

ELMER W. GREEN.

## The Dormitories

On the third floor of the main building the dormitories are situated. There are three of these dormitories. The West Dormitory overlooks the bay towards Boston; the other dormitory, which is the East, overlooks the bay towards Quincy and Nantasket. The smaller fellows sleep in the West Dormitory, in which are 42 beds, and the larger fellows sleep in the East Dormitory, in which are 46 beds. Beside these two, there is the North Dormitory, in which are twelve beds. In this room the fellows enjoy special privileges. They may stay up later than the other fellows and read or play games. Also they may keep their chests beside their beds. There is a large cupboard in this room. The advanced class fellows and some of the first class fellows sleep in this dormitory. All the dormitories are very well lighted and ventilated.

RAYMOND H. BATCHELDER.

## How I Spent One Saturday Afternoon

One Saturday afternoon some other fellows and I thought we would go around the beach. It was low tide, so we went around the South End first to see if we might get some pearls before the tide came in. These pearls are not very valuable, but we like to get them. They come in mussels, and we have to look sharply for them. I got eleven pearls that afternoon. When we got around to the North End we saw a great many birds and a few boats. We reached the house at about four o'clock and spent the rest of the afternoon playing tag.

FRED J. MANDEVILLE.

## Giving Out Magazines

One Saturday afternoon Mr. Beebe had two bundles of magazines, which he gave out to the fellows. He would call out the name of the magazine and the fellows who wanted it would raise their hands and Mr. Beebe would call out somebody's name. The fellows who got them exchanged them for others as soon as they had read them.

CARLQUIST W. WALBOURN.

## Spading Around Trees

One day recently Mr. Beebe told me to get a spade, a trowel, a rake, two sacks, and a stick, and take them up to the playground, and he would send a fellow up there to show me what to do. I got my things ready and took them up to the playground and waited until the fellow came. First, he took the stick and measured off a certain distance and marked it. Then he placed the stick against the trunk of the tree, and took the trowel and dug all the sods on the inside of the mark. When that was done he put the sods in one of the sacks. He then spaded around the trees. Finally he took the rake and raked all the stones up in a pile and put them in the other sack. These stones were then taken down to the East Side dike.

WILBUR F. BLANCHARD.

## Cutting and Planting Geranium Slips

One morning, soon after coming out of the sewing-room, Mr. Beebe told me to get a knife, which I did. Then he showed me how to cut geranium slips. First he found a plant that had a red blossom. Then he looked for a stem of that plant that had little leaves just starting to grow. He took that stem from a place where he could cut it off without it showing much. Then he took this slip and cut all the leaves from it, except two or three. After he had got quite a few of these slips, he took them over to another garden and showed me how to plant them. First he got a stick to make the holes with. Then he planted the slips quite a distance apart.

DONALD S. MACPHERSON.

## Trimming the Hedge

Recently it has been my work to trim the hedge around the boys' gardens. I got a ladder from the corn-barn, and nailed two boards about eight feet long across the end of it, so it would rest on the hedge without sinking in. Then I got a pair of grass sheers and cut the new shoots that had grown up above the rest of the hedge. I trimmed this hedge until it was time to get ready for school.

HAROLD L. CARLTON.

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Shortly after the death of Dr. James Jackson, the first President of the Farm School on Thompson's Island, there was published a memoir of his life which contained an account of the purpose which he had in mind in associating himself with the project for the School,

and also stated the specific lines along which he believed the ideal school for boys should be conducted.

It was Dr. Jackson who at the first meeting of the corporation outlined the plan for a farm school for boys, and he did it in these words:

"Procure a farm within a few miles of the city, and establish a school upon it, in which boys might be taught the common learning necessary to qualify them to become apprentices to husbandmen and mechanics; and where they might also be employed in the labors of husbandry, suited to their ages and strength, at all times not devoted to study or to suitable recreation and rest; and where they should be subjected to a regular but mild and parental discipline, so as to form in them habits of industry and sobriety, of order and respect and submission to the laws; and to train them up to become as far as possible good citizens and useful members of society."

It was decided at once to receive only boys of good character, mostly Boston boys, and not exceeding one hundred in number. They were to be admitted free of cost when surrendered by their parents, but payment was to be made by parents who did not wish to relinquish their children except for a limited time.

More than four score years have passed since Dr. Jackson named the principles on which he believed right character should be built—agricultural instruction, vocational training, industry, sobriety, suitable recreation, mild but parental discipline. A faithful effort has been made to follow these ideals.

The farm was procured on Thompson's Island, and thereby was established the first school in America to make agriculture the basis of its educational course. Instruction in more than half a dozen trades has been added. The daily routine of life combines most happily work

in school, in shop and on farm, incorporating and instilling habits of industry with mild discipline. The discipline has become not merely parental, but in a very true sense fatherly and motherly.

Part of the contribution which the School has made to society consists now of a list of more than 2,100 graduates who have been trained according to the practical, wise and efficient ideals suggested by Dr. Jackson, and adopted by the noble-hearted gentlemen associated with him, and pursued by those who have succeeded to their responsibilities and privileges.

That which the seer of old wrote may well be applied to the founders of The Farm and Trades School: "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

### Notes

July 2. The Newspaper Club of Boston here for outing.

July 3. Set flying-ring apparatus in concrete base on playground.

Manager Thomas J. Evans and Mrs. Evans here to spend the Fourth.

July 4. Usual celebration with races, and bon-fire in the evening.

Dr. W. B. Bancroft present with his usual famous peanuts.

Gift of fruit from William N. Hughes, '59.

July 5. Commodore M. V. Scott with friends from the South Boston Yacht Club visited the Island.

Manager Thomas J. Evans told interesting war stories to the boys, and gave money for fruit.

July 7. Reset giant swing pole in concrete base on playground.

July 8. Friends' Day. Two hundred and seventy-six persons came to the Island at 10.15 on the Rose Standish, a special boat of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company. Those who wished to were allowed to spend the day here.

July 9. Man here testing scales.

July 10. Began unloading year's coal supply.

July 13. Erected galvanized iron pipe rail at entrance to east basement.

July 14. Outing of the Commercial Department of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. Gift from them of baseballs, bats, candy, and ice cream.

July 15. Finished unloading year's coal supply.

Scow-load of spruce, oak and hard pine lumber from Freeport Street.

July 16. Blacksmith shoeing horses.

Through the kindness of the Newspaper Club of Boston, boys and instructors attended the Red Sox -Detroit game at Fenway Park.

July 17. Manager and Mrs. Charles E. Mason visited the School.

July 18. Former pupils William Barry Dean and Thomas H. Langton here for the afternoon.

July 20. Summer term of school began.

July 22. Boys of advanced class went to Nantasket Beach for outing. Kindness of Treasurer Arthur Adams.

July 23. Seventy-five white Leghorn pullets arrived.

Admission Committee meeting. Thirteen boys passed to be admitted, and the following entered the School that day: William Henry Everbeck, Clark Anderson Earl, Gordon Frederick Sudsbury, Rupert Fleming Calkin, Harold Edmund Francis, Charles Frederick Weymouth.

July 24. Sprayed orchard with arsenate of lead for second generation of codling moth.

July 25. Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, and Mrs. Cobb here; also former pupils Clarence O. Norrby and Arthur R. Merrifield.

July 26. Sunday. Boys and instructors enjoyed boat ride down the harbor.

July 28. Five boys went to the dentist.

Carl D. P. Hynes left the School.

Dr. James Walton spent the night here.

July 29. Visiting Day. Two hundred eleven persons came to the Island on the special boat of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company, Miles Standish, at 1.15.

July 30. Spraying potatoes with Bordeaux mixture for late blight

July 31. Mr. Henry Stokes, '76, of Jordan-Marsh Company, here, putting up new window-shades.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand July 1, 1914	\$981.96
Deposits during the month	181.14
	1163.10
Withdrawn during the month	50.04
Cash on hand Aug. 1, 1914	\$1113.06

### July Meteorology

Maximum temperature, 83° on the 8th, 16th and 17th.

Minimum temperature, 50° on the 4th.

Mean temperature for the month, 66.1.

Total precipitation, 2.10 inches.

Greatest precipitation in twenty-four hours, 1.25 inches on the 2d.

9 days with .01 or more inches precipitation.

5 clear days, 24 partly cloudy, 2 cloudy days.

Total number of hours sunshine, 169 and 15 minutes.

### N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.'s Outing

The Commercial Department of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. visited Thompson's Island on July fourteenth. After a trip down the harbor in the steamer Nassau of the Boston and Nahant Line, they arrived at our wharf at about half past one. They went on the front lawn, where the President of the Company and others spoke. Mr. Bradley also spoke, telling the visitors what The Farm and Trades School is doing, its purpose, etc. They then visited the different departments of the School. They later played base-ball, followed by a few races, and dancing in the latter part of the afternoon. The School Band gave a concert in the north grove. Mr. Feeney, the Company's publicity manager, was chairman of the committee on push. All gave a sky rocket cheer for the different company officials, and one each for Mr. and Mrs. Bradley. When it became time to depart Mr. Feeney had all form in columns of fours, and with the band at the head marched

down to the wharf. At the wharf they gave a sky rocket cheer for the band, one for Mr. Bradley and one for the captain of the steamer Nassau. They then left us, waving handkerchiefs, hats, canes, and other things. I think they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After seven o'clock we all had ice cream, cake and coffee, given by the visitors.

HAROLD L. CARD.

### The Grade Prizes

On the fourth Friends' Day of the season of nineteen fourteen, which was on July twenty-ninth, the Shaw Conduct prizes and the Temple Consolation prizes were given out by Mr. Bradley. These prizes were the 50th series given out. They are offered every six months, the Shaw Conduct prizes by Mr. Francis Shaw, one of the Managers of the School, and the Temple Consolation prizes by Mr. Alfred Bowditch. The sum of twenty-five dollars was divided into ten prizes among the winners of the Shaw Conduct prizes. The following were the winners:

Leslie E. Russell, first prize, \$5.00.  
 Harold L. Carlton, second prize, \$3.25.  
 Lester E. Cowden, third prize, \$3.00.  
 Elmer W. Green, fourth prize, \$2.75.  
 Kenneth C. Griswold, fifth prize, \$2.50.  
 Ernest E. Slocomb, sixth prize, \$2.25.  
 Charles R. Jefferson, seventh prize, \$2.00.  
 Robert H. Peterson, eighth prize, \$1.75.  
 Cecil E. McKeown, ninth prize, \$1.50.  
 Ernest F. Russell, tenth prize, \$1.00

The Temple Consolation prizes, consisting of books, were next given out. The awards were made as follows:

William B. Cross, first.  
 Wilbur F. Blanchard, second.  
 Ralph H. Gilbert, third.  
 Llewelyn H. Lewis, fourth.  
 Eldred W. Allen, fifth.

Honorable mention was made of the following boys:

George F. Kendall.  
 Douglas A. Hunt.  
 William Hill.  
 Wesley F. Adams.  
 Carlquist W. Walbourn.

CARL H. COLLINS.

## Excursion of the Class of 1914

Through the kindness of Mr. Arthur Adams, the Class of 1914 went on an excursion to Nantasket Beach on July 22nd. In the morning the members of the class were asked whether they would rather go to Concord or Nantasket. The latter was decided upon by the majority. We went to City Point in our steamer, and then took a car for Rowe's Wharf, where we boarded the Miles Standish of the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Co. The trip was a very pleasant one, as the day was fine. The boat made only one stop, which was at Pemberton. We arrived at Nantasket at about 2.15 P.M. From this time until 3.30 we took in the various places of amusement, including a trip in the "Old Grist Mill" and a ride on the roller coaster. The fellows were allowed to go anywhere they pleased, but had to be at a certain place at 3.30. We then went onto the beach, where we listened for some time to Carter's band. We left for home on the steamer "Rose Standish." We were allowed to go on the upper deck, which we had all to ourselves. On our way back we had our pictures taken. We arrived on the Island at about 6.45. We enjoyed the day thoroughly and are all very grateful to Mr. Adams, whom I wish to thank for the entire class for the very enjoyable time which he made it possible for us to have.

GEOFFREY E. PLUNKETT.

## A Barge Ride

On Sunday, July 26th, the whole School enjoyed a sail down the harbor. After the fellows had had their swim, which was at about two o'clock, we went up to the house, got our coats and caps, marched down to the wharf, and got into the barge. We then started to go, after all the fellows and instructors were ready. We went down around the South End, between our Island and Moon Head and up near the Fore River Ship-yard. We then turned around and started back for the Island, when we were given bananas from a bunch which was hung up in the barge, and some cookies. We saw several different kinds of boats.

DOUGLAS A. HUNT.

## The New Gymnasium Apparatus

It was very good news to us when Mr. Beebe made the announcement that we could use the new gymnasium apparatus while he was with us. After a few days we were allowed to go on without him being there. There is a "slide" upon which the boys have lots of fun, a "horizontal bar," two "teeter-ladders," a "climbing pole," a "flexible ladder," two sets of "flying rings," and "incline poles." The next part of the apparatus is the "traveling rings." There are six of them. The first pair is the lowest, the second a little higher, and so on to the end. The "giant swing" had to be moved down the playground in order to make room for the new apparatus. This apparatus is the gift of Mrs. Charles E. Mason, and is one of the finest things we ever had. ROLAND S. BRUNEAU.

## Picking Squashes

One morning I was working in the gardens. Mr. Shaw told me to pick a bushel of squashes and take them to the kitchen, and after I had finished that I was to go through the vines and pick off all the large ones that were white. When picking squashes for the kitchen, they like them green and about six to eight inches across. After I had the squashes picked and taken to the kitchen, I took my wheelbarrow back to the garden, and then went through the vines and cut off all the squashes and left them lying in rows where they were cut. Then I went through with my wheelbarrow and collected the squashes and put them beside the road, so the team could take them away.

WILLIAM J. GRANT.

## Hauling Gravel

One Saturday morning Mr. Beebe told another fellow and me to ask Mr. Shaw for a couple of horses, and to haul gravel from the South End bar and dump it by the gymnasium apparatus. So we went down to the barn, harnessed up, and went to the South End. It took us about twenty minutes to load up and about twenty-five minutes to haul each load up to the playground.

WILBUR F. BLANCHARD.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

WALTER B. FOSTER, '78, President  
Hingham

CHARLES DUNCAN, '71, Vice-President  
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79 Milk St., Boston

RICHARD BELL, '73, Treasurer  
Dorchester

WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, Historian  
Everett

WALTER J. KIRWIN, '77. Post Office address, Stony Brook, Mass. (part of Waltham.) Entered the School in 1872. After leaving the School he served two years as a messenger boy for the Telegraph Company at Waltham. After that he worked four years for the Waltham Watch Company at Waltham, and since that time has been engaged in a general commission business, selling dairy products, fruits and hampers. He announced his intention of presenting the School with a hamper and some baskets.

RALPH L. GORDON, '97, on leaving the School went to work in a machine shop in Attleboro, Mass., and worked there until April, '98. At the outbreak of the Spanish War he enlisted in the 7th Cavalry, in which he served three years. He then enlisted in the Navy, in which he served a term of four years. He came out in 1905 and went to work for the General Electric Co., Lynn, Mass., remaining there six years, and then he went with the Boston Elevated Railway Co., where he is now employed. He is married and has three children. He lives at 18 Waverly Street, Malden, Mass.

MICHAEL J. POWERS, '99, went to the Rubber Shop at East Watertown for five years. From there he went to Dr. A. P. Norris, city physician, to have charge of real estate, rents, autos, etc. At the present time he is in the paint and paper business at 104 Concord Avenue, Somerville, Mass., where he lives with his wife and child. His last visit was twelve or fifteen years ago, and he says there is a big change since that time.

LESLIE P. JONES, '06, was married on July seventh to Miss Lillian Elizabeth Anderson at the home of her parents. They went on their honeymoon to New York and vicinity, and since returning have given us a most interesting account of their trip. As usual "Les" was right on the job with his camera and took 150 pictures, all the way from Coney Island up along the Hudson River. Of course, fire engines and fire boats were not omitted.

ARTHUR G. APPEL, Ex '12, is on the United States ship Nebraska.

FRANK S. MILLS, Ex '12, is on the United States ship Rhode Island.

### Vacation Time

During the vacation time the fellows worked till nine o'clock, when they were dismissed and were allowed to enjoy themselves according to their grade. The way they could enjoy themselves was by going fishing, working in the shop, playing ball, going around the beach, or working for money. If they worked for money, the big fellows would get twenty-five cents, the medium sized fellows twenty cents, and the small fellows fifteen cents. Quite a number worked for money.

BYRON E. COLLINS.

### The Poultry

When the change of work came I was given the hen-house work, and as I knew how to take care of poultry, everything seemed easy to me. There are several different varieties of poultry: Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, White Leghorns, Black Orpingtons and Japanese Silkies. There are also pigeons, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea-hens. They are fed with mixed grain in the morning and at night, and mash at noon.

BENJAMIN L. MURPHY.



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## Our Conduct System

At this school we have a conduct system that is divided into four grades, the fourth being the lowest. When a fellow first comes here he is put in the first grade. If he gets checked that week he is put into a lower grade. Each check counts a certain number of marks. It takes from one to fifteen marks for a boy to get in the second grade, from fifteen to thirty-five marks for him to get in the third grade, and over thirty-five marks for him to be put in the fourth grade. A first grade fellow has all the privileges allowed, such as going in swimming, skating, coasting and so forth. A second grade fellow is allowed to do such things every other day. A third grade fellow is allowed to do these things on Saturday. A fourth grade fellow is allowed none of these things and also has no playtime. If a fellow is in the fourth grade and goes a week without being checked, he is put in the third grade, and the same with a fellow who is in the third or second grade. If he gets checked that week he stays in that grade another week. All checks given to a fellow are passed into the office at the end of the week. Mr. Bradley marks them and then the grade is written down for the next week. Each Monday night Mr. Bradley reads the grade to the fellows. Every six months conduct prizes are given. Twenty-five dollars are divided among ten boys who rank the highest in conduct. This money is given by Manager Francis Shaw. The consolation prizes consist of five books which are given to the next five fellows who rank highest. These books are given by Mr. Bowditch. There are also five honorable mentions. HOWARD F. LOCHRIE.

## Boat Instructions

One Saturday afternoon the Captain of the boat took nine fellows, besides himself, out in the row-boat "Chilton" for instructions. When we go out in the boat the two fellows highest in the crew go in first and they are called stroke oars, that is they set the stroke and the rest of the fellows follow. The first order is to "Stand by," to put the oar-locks in the sockets. Then comes "Up oars," when you stand your oars upright in the boat, then "Let fall," to drop your oars in the locks, keeping them level with the side of the boat. Then "Stand by to give away together," that is, to put your oars back ready to take a stroke. "Give away together" and everybody pulls on his oar. When nearing the place where the boat is to stop, the Coxswain gives the order of "In bows," and the two fellows in the bow seat stop rowing and stow their oars and get ready to fend off the boat, make a neat landing and make the boat fast. The next order is "Toss and boat oars." There is another order often used in going through a narrow place that is called "Trail oars," to keep the oar near the side of the boat with the wide part of the blade just touching the water.

HERBERT V. GORDON.

## My Work in the School-room

Every morning after we march out of the dining-room, I line up in the house line. I then go up to the school-room, sweep and dust the desks, empty the waste-basket, dust the erasers, and erase the black-boards. Then I empty the water out of the flower-vase and put in some fresh water. CLARENCE E. SLINGER.

### A Magneto

One day last summer Mr. Bradley gave me two telephones. They were in good working order, with an electric bell, and a magneto to ring the bell, which was done by pushing a little button that was on the telephone. I tried to fix the telephones with the aid of some fellows and the power-house instructor, but it would require quite a lot of material to make them work. So I put them in my cottage under the window-seat. Recently, while I was cleaning under there, I found them and amused myself by making the bell ring, which I did by turning the magneto handle. I also found I received a slight shock. After I got tired of making the bell ring I took out the magneto and tried to get a shock by placing one hand on the point of the wheel and turning the handle. The faster I turned the handle, the more severe the shock was. At last I had to let go, the current was so strong. I told some of the other fellows about the arrangement and they wanted to try it. We all joined hands, one fellow holding to the top of the magneto with one hand and turning the handle with the other, the next fellow holding a steel handle to a pin and joining hands with the fellow next to him, and so on, until the circuit was completed. The handle was turned slowly at first, and then faster and faster, until we could hold on no longer. I have tried several different schemes with the machine and have derived much pleasure from it.

RAYMOND H. BATCHELDER.

### A Band Concert

One Sunday afternoon when Mr. Ellis, our band instructor, was here, Mr. Beebe told all the members of the band to get their instruments and chairs and go down to the west lawn. After the band was ready, the bugler blew the assembly-call. Some of the pieces which we played were, "Too Much Mustard," "Green Mountain March," "Lead Kindly Light," "Connecticut March," "Flag Raising Melodies," and "Our Captain." We enjoyed playing this music very much, and I think everybody enjoyed listening to it.

LLEWELYN H. LEWIS.

### Work on the Lathe

A few days ago, when Capt. Dix was in charge in the sloyd-room, I made my first model on the lathe. It was the cylinder, a round piece of wood six inches long and one and one-fourth inches in diameter. Before starting the lathe, Capt. Dix told me to study the rules for starting and stopping it, which I did. Then he told me to tell him what I would have to do to start the machine going. I tried to repeat the rules for starting, but I got all mixed up. He told me to study them a little more and he would see me later about it. This time I got it right and he told me to start work. He told me what tools to use. That morning I finished the cylinder, and started to draw the file-handle and hammer-handle. The file-handle is made out of a cylinder.

WESLEY F. ADAMS.

### Cleaning Presses

It has been my work lately in the printing-office to clean the presses after they have been used, so that the ink on the rollers will not dry and get hard. The power is first turned on, and then the press is started. A little lubricating oil is put on the rollers while they are revolving. After that is done some kerosene is put on in the same manner. Then the rollers are taken out and placed in a box made for that purpose. The rollers that remain in the press permanently are wiped off with a cloth. When the rollers in the press are clean, I do the same with those that were put in the box. This is always done when a change of ink is put on the press, and just before five o'clock in the afternoon, when work is stopped.

ELWIN C. BEMIS.

### Cutting Green Feed

One afternoon Mr. Shaw told me to go over to the South End and cut green feed. He said I was to cut four swaths across the piece. When I had it cut, I hauled it up to the barn. I weighed it first, then backed the team onto the stock floor, dumped the load, and put up my horse.

ELDRED W. ALLEN.

## Paving Gutters

For some time past I have had the job of re-laying the gutters on the avenues. The first thing I did was to get some boards to be used as forms. These boards are about four inches wide and sixteen feet in length. I got four boards of this kind. Then I needed some stakes. These I got from the carpenter-shop. I procured some braces to place in the gutters to keep the boards spread apart. After I had these things, I was ready to begin the work of re-laying the gutter on the north side of the front avenue. After the stones had been taken out and the forms laid, I went down to the beach for some sand. This I put in the gutters to set the stones in. In setting the stones I was careful to put long, flat ones on the edges of the gutter, so that after the boards had been taken out these would be deep enough in the ground to stand up. I left the stones about three-quarters of an inch above the boards, so that when they were tamped they would set in the ground firmly. After I had filled in one form I put sand on top of the stones, to fill up the crevices. Then came the work of tamping. I took a tamper and tamped the stones, forming the gutter in such a way that the sides were higher than the center. After this was done, I took out the form and did another length in the same way. There are four gutters, each about six hundred feet long. Other boys have done some work on them and it is now finished.

JOSEPH L. PENDERGAST.

## Packing Grain

One day when some other fellows and I got out of the dining-room, Mr. Bradley said he wanted us to go over to the city with him. Of course we were pleased, and went down on the scow to get ready to start as soon as possible. When we got to the public landing Mr. Bradley said for the big fellows to carry the grain and the little fellows to pack it. This was how it was done. Some fellows came and left it on the stern of the scow and we packed it in rows. We arrived at our Island about four o'clock.

WILLIAM C. GONSER.

## Censorship

One evening after line-up Mr. Bradley and Mr. William Alcott came and sat under the "Old Elm." Presently Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Alcott if he would speak to the boys about the war, as being night city editor of the *Globe*, he could say a great deal about the war. He explained to us about the censorship, and said that Germany, England and other European countries have adopted this measure, and that is the reason why some news is held back because the countries engaged in this war use strict measures in holding back all important facts concerning the war. Other countries enforce this rule more strictly by opening all mail and packages to see that no news leaves the country.

BENJAMIN L. MURPHY.

## The Milking Utensils

Every morning and night after the milking is done the milk is brought up to the house. The strainers are then taken off the milk-pails. These are washed in a press-pan and boiled out. Next the milk-pails are washed and then steamed out. After that they are rinsed in hot water. Then they are taken out to the milk-rack. There are six milk-pails that the cows are milked into and then the milk is strained into cans, which are brought up to the house and the milk strained into other cans. It is then taken to the front store-room and is put into a tank of water. The milk is strained three times; twice before it is brought up to the house and once afterwards.

RALPH H. GILBERT.

## Packing Away Base-ball Goods

Every year after the last baseball game, the baseball articles are gathered up and put away. The suits are brushed and sent to the laundry to be washed; from there to the sewing-room and then to the loft. The caps, sneakers, bats, bases and gloves are packed in a box and sent up to the west loft.

CARLQUIST W. WALBOURN.

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The playful side of our school-life reaches out in many directions and is full of variety. The national game of baseball and football are given prominence and they are so arranged that nearly every boy is able to participate in prize winning contests for team as well as for indi-

vidual positions. The gymnasium apparatus indoor and out is ample. The holidays are especially observed with fitting exercises and amusements, according to the season. Fourth of July is the big day out of doors, and Christmas the most enjoyable within. The Alumni Field Day, in which all participate, is an eventful occasion full of sports. There is swimming, boating, and fishing in summer; skating, coasting, and sleigh-rides in winter, with the annual snowball-battle on the twenty-second of February, and the sugaring-off in spring. The husking-bee in the fall, with Hallowe'en, is not overlooked.

With our own stereopticon and moving-picture machine, many pleasant evenings are spent, and in addition similar entertainments are brought to us by others, as well as humorous and instructive lectures and other entertainments, including the entertainment given annually by Harvard students. Dramatic plays and minstrel shows are given by pupils or instructors, concerts by our own band and by others, and there is dancing in the Assembly Hall.

Our monthly Friends' Days, which partake so much of a holiday, are sometimes supplemented by a substantial number of our friends coming to contribute in some way to our pleasure as well as to their own. Harbor trips with our own steamer and barge, and by other harbor or excursion boats, are by no means infrequent. Then there are group trips to interesting and historic spots, to pleasure parks and other resorts, including the trip to the Brockton Fair, the circus and fairs in Mechanics Building. Groups attend special lectures and entertainments in town and in the suburbs. Delegations and sometimes the whole School have an opportunity to see one or more of the Harvard baseball and football

games and the league baseball games. Then there are theatre and musical parties. With the furloughs and trips home and the more common games and sports, together with the many pleasures peculiar to our Island home, our boys no doubt share in a larger variety of wholesome, enjoyable and instructive, as well as fun-making recreation than is usually found elsewhere.

### Notes

Aug. 2. President Alfred Bowditch, Mr. Emor H. Harding and Mr. Cevigs R. Harding passed the day here.

Aug. 3. Began repairing wharf and break-water.

Aug. 4. Harold E. Francis returned to his home.

Theodore Jefferds Gould, Emerson Sereno Gould and Weston Sylvander Gould entered the School.

Aug. 5. Began cutting salt hay.

Took two cows to Brighton; bought and brought back four.

Aug. 6. Six boys went to the dentist.

Aug. 10. Planted peas and beans in the garden.

Aug. 11. Jackson Carl Nielsen entered the School.

Aug. 12. Finished transplanting celery.

Aug. 13. Sowed two acres of barley.

Began cutting millet for green feed.

Walter I. Tassinari, graduated, left the School to live with his mother.

Aug. 14. Sowed crimson clover as a cover crop in the orchard.

Aug. 15. Cecil E. McKeown returned to his mother.

George W. N. Starett, graduated, returned to his father and will enter high school.

Aug. 16. Sunday. Boys and instructors enjoyed boat-ride in upper harbor and navy-yard.

Aug. 17. Mr. Ralph H. Marshall, '09, and Mrs. Marshall here for the afternoon.

Warner E. Spear graduated, went to live with his aunt, and will enter high school.

Aug. 18. Alfred L. Woodbridge entered the School.

Aug. 20. Made a new gang-plank for the north side landing-float.

Mr. William Alcott, '84, alumni historian, here, looking up records, and visiting.

Aug. 21. Mr. Edward H. Forbush, state ornithologist, passed the night here.

Aug. 24. Inspected all young fruit trees and dug out the borers.

Aug. 25. Began plowing in marsh for winter rye.

Ralph G. Hadley, graduated, returned to Wilder, Vt., and will enter high school.

Aug. 26. Beached, cleaned, and repaired south side landing-float.

Aug. 27. Visiting Day. Two hundred twenty-five persons came to the Island on the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company's boat, Myles Standish, and returned on the Mayflower.

Howard B. Ellis, '99, band instructor, Walter J. Kirwin, '77, and Edmund S. Bemis, '13, here.

Aug. 28. William H. Everbeck returned to his parents.

Aug. 29. James Watt returned to his mother.

Finished repairing the wharf and break-water.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Aug. 1, 1914	\$1113.06
Deposits during the month	51.89
	1164.95
Withdrawn during the month	228.00
Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1914	\$936.95

### August Meteorology

Maximum temperature, 88° on the 8th.

Minimum temperature, 53° on the 25th.

Mean temperature for the month, 63.4°.

Total precipitation, 3.82 inches.

Greatest precipitation in twenty-four hours, 1.25 inches on the 20th.

10 days with .01 or more inches precipitation.

5 clear days, 22 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy days.

Total number of hours sunshine, 173, and 20 minutes.

### An Afternoon's Fun

One Saturday afternoon, it being too damp to play ball, two other fellows and I decided to go out in the boat. We got permission to take the dory which is kept in the boat-house, and three other fellows took a punt. We put on oil-skins so we wouldn't get wet. Then we launched our boat and rowed around awhile. We asked the other fellows if they would play tag and they said they would; so we told them we would be "it" first. We began to chase them, and when the bow of our boat touched theirs or one of our oars touched their boat they were "it" and had to chase us. Two fellows rowed while the other fellow steered, using an oar. The other fellows were handicapped as they did not know how to steer with an oar very well, but we enjoyed the afternoon very much.

WILLIAM J. GRANT.

### An Afternoon's Work

One Saturday afternoon it was my work to haul gravel. I first went down to the barn and asked Mr. Shaw if I could have a horse and cart. I hitched the horse to the cart and put a shovel in it, and drove over to the South End, where I loaded my cart with gravel. I drove up to the playground where I dumped my load. Then I was told to go over to get some sods that had been cut at the South End. When I had those loaded, I drove up to the playground and took them off. Then I went for a load of ashes that were near the wharf.

HUBERT N. LEACH.

### Spreading Ashes

One Saturday morning Mr. Beebe told me that there was a load of ashes to spread under the gymnasium apparatus. I first took a shovel and rake from the east basement, went up to the apparatus and took a wheelbarrow to carry the ashes to the low places. After I had them carried away I raked out the cinders and smoothed the ashes. Then I carried the cinders behind the power-house and shoveled them into an ash can. Each load filled a can.

WILLIAM E. KENNEDY.

### Pulling Spikes

As the wharf is being repaired there is a lot of old planks being taken up, and new ones put in their places. These old planks have rusty spikes in them, which have to be removed before the planks are put away. It has been my work lately to help remove these spikes. They can be removed with the use of a block of wood and a hammer, also with a spike bar. We have three kinds of spike bars. One is a small one and the other two much larger, one about the size of a crow-bar. I used one of the larger ones as it was much easier to pull out the spikes with that one. These old planks are separated; the rotten ones are used for fuel, and the others are saved for future use.

HAROLD L. CARLTON.

### Fishing

Every boy who can swim out to the float may go fishing on Saturday, or in vacation time, if he is in the right grade. There are many kinds of fish that are caught. Flounders are caught mostly, and in the autumn quite a few smelt and pollock are caught. Other kinds of fish that are caught are eels, crabs, perch, frost-fish, mud-hake, sculpins, and channel bass. In the early summer some tomcod were seen. The fellows enjoy fishing very much.

FLOYD A. WARREN.

### Picking Beans

One afternoon the dormitory instructor was over in the city, so I was sent to work on the farm. A lot of the fellows were sent to pick beans and I was sent with them. First some of the fellows went over the rows and picked the best beans for seed, and then the other fellows followed, picking all but the green ones. On some of the pods were brown spots. The instructor said it was a disease on them called anthrax. We picked two kinds of beans, red beans and large wax beans. I did two rows in that afternoon.

CARL H. COLLINS.

**Sloyd**

In the sloyd-room there are sixteen benches and two turning lathes. The benches are equipped with a ruler, compass, gauge, small back saw, T-square, triangle, block plane board, and plane. There are other tools in a cupboard that we can use if we need them. Three classes use these benches, two in the morning and one in the afternoon. Those in the morning go every other morning, and those in the afternoon go every day. There is a course of different models which are as follows: wedge, planting pin, plant-support, bread-board, plant-stand, coat-hanger, cylinder, file-handle, hammer-handle, butter-paddle, paper-knife, small picture-frame, pen-tray, nail-box, cake-spoon, mallet, diploma-frame, sugar-scoop, book-support, dumbbell, tray, chest. Four of these models have to be made on the lathe; these are the cylinder, file-handle, mallet, and dumbbell.

CARL H. COLLINS.

**Going Around the Beach**

On a Saturday afternoon recently as we had nothing to do, another fellow and I went around the beach. We started on the east side of the Island from in back of the power-house and went toward the South End. We noticed the different kinds of things which had drifted in with the tide. We turned all the tin cans and bottles upside down so the mosquitoes will not have a chance to breed in them. We took our time, in order that we might observe more and have more pleasure out of the trip. After our return we made out a report of what we saw.

FORREST L. CHURCHILL.

**Clean Handkerchiefs**

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings handkerchiefs are given out. One fellow gets an empty basket while the other gets a box in which all the clean handkerchiefs are kept. The fellow who has the basket collects all the soiled ones, while the fellow with the clean ones gives one to each boy. The soiled handkerchiefs are then taken to the laundry where they are washed.

CHESTER R. WOOD.

**Prisoner's Base**

A game which the fellows play quite often is "prisoner's base." Two fellows are captains and they choose from among the other fellows who want to play. One captain takes one goal and the other captain the other. The goal may be a tree, post, or anything like that. Between each goal is a half-way line. On each goal are two flags, and it is the object of each side to get all the flags. If a fellow is caught on the opposite side from his own he is taken prisoner. In order to be released, a fellow on his side has to cross to the opposite side from his own, touch the prisoner and say, "Relievo." If the fellow who has been released is caught before he crosses the half-way line he has to go back again to the goal. The side that gets all the flags first wins.

GEORGE B. MCLEOD.

**A Big Order**

Recently the Printing-office had a big order to fill. It was for twenty thousand six-page folders for the Dorchester Flower Day Committee. After the type had been set, the stock, which was S. & C. white paper, was next cut for the job. This was printed "six pages and turned." Bronze blue ink was used on this form. Then the picture of a carnation was printed in red on the front page, making forty thousand impressions in all. After the job had been printed, it was next folded, and put up in lots of five hundred. Then the folders were packed and shipped.

DONALD M. WILDE.

**Working on the Dike Road**

Before school in the afternoon some other fellows and I have been working on the Dike Road. Mr. Beebe told us to tear down the bank so it would be even. Four of us went down. Two of us got wheelbarrows from the storage-barn, while the others went down and started work. When the fellows with the wheelbarrows returned, they wheeled the dirt away and dumped it in the low places in the road. Afterwards we smoothed it over. When it was quarter past two we put our tools away to get ready for school.

DUDLEY B. BREED.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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MR. H. W. BASSETT, '60, who was present at the Alumni Field Day on June seventeenth, entered the School in 1857. In 1868 he went around Cape Horn to San Francisco, leaving on March 9th, and reaching San Francisco August 13th. Mr. Bassett was engaged in mining enterprises in California and Oregon, and this is his second visit to Boston since he left here in 1868. His present address is 48 Copeland Street, Roxbury, Mass., which is the home of his sister. He intimated that he might remain permanently in Boston.

THORNTON B. LOUIS, '80, a few years after leaving school went to Westford Academy, just outside of Lowell, Mass., and was graduated. He is now in La Gloria, Cuba, in the fruit and cattle business, having been there for six years. He was formerly in the shoe business in Weymouth. He says, "This place is revolutionized, and the boys never had such advantages as now. I intend to send up some oranges and grape-fruit next winter."

FRANK I. LOMBARD, '94, first went to work with John Evans & Co., wood-workers, Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass. Then with Robert Burlin, bookbinder, 156 Pearl Street, Boston, Mass., and was there twelve years.

### Setting Up a Song

One afternoon the printing-office instructor told me to get my stick and set up the type for a song. This took me about one hour and a half. After it was set up I read it over to find what mistakes I could and then I took a proof of it. There were a few mistakes, which I cor-

From there he went to George Lawley & Son, Neponset, and at the present time is with H. Dangel, banknote printer, as superintendent, and lives at 750 Tremont Street. He belongs to the Boston and Wallester Yacht Club.

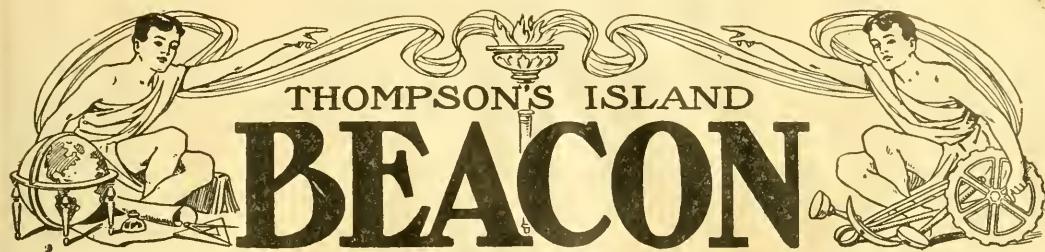
JOHN E. BETE, '96, is with the O. A. Miller Co. at Stoughton, Mass., making shoe trees, which he patented several years ago. He and his family occupied their summer home at Onset this season.

HIRAM C. HUGHES, '98, since graduating has been with the Irving & Casson Co., interior decorators, at East Cambridge. His work at present is modeling, mostly, and he advises any one who is artistically inclined to take up the work, because of the demand for such workmanship and the salary paid for efficiency. He has a wife, and a daughter seven years old. His home is at 3 Capen Street, Medford Hillside, Mass.

HAROLD N. JACOBS, '10, who has been with the George H. Morrill Company, printers' ink manufacturers, since 1910, has recently been transferred to the firm's new office in Chicago, 157 West Harrison Street, where he has charge of all the inks. He lives at 934 Irving Park Block, Apartment 1.

rected. I then took another proof; this one I took up to the office. It was signed and sent back. The next day it was printed and a few days after that copies were given out to the fellows to learn. The name of it is "I'm on My Way To Mandalay."

ARTHUR B. GILBERT.



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## FARM SCHOOL BOYS IN THE CIVIL WAR

By William Alcott, '84,

Historian of the Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

One of the tasks to which the late John R. Morse devoted much time during the closing years of his life, was the compilation of a list of graduates of the Farm School who served in the war for union in 1861-5.

Having surrendered his own position as principal of the Farm School to answer the call of his country, and having accompanied one of the boys of the school to the front, in the same regiment and company, he took more than an ordinary interest in his self-imposed task of discovering and compiling the names of graduates of the school who had been his comrades in arms, and among whom were not a few of his own pupils.

Much correspondence and research were necessarily involved, and before the work was finished, death intervened. He had collected nearly forty names of graduates who were reported to have seen military service between 1861 and 1865. Subsequently some of the names were eliminated because their military service occurred after the war, and others were eliminated because no military record could be found.

However, in the list left by him, were thirty names which were entitled to a place on the honor roll of the school on account of military service in the civil war. The correspondence of Mr. Morse was placed in the hands of the historian of the alumni association by his daughter, Miss Ruth J. Morse, who, in her note

of transmission, said, "We have found some of father's papers containing names and items relating to those Farm School graduates who served in the civil war, and we shall be glad if they are of use to you."

A further search of the records at the school, and correspondence with the adjutant general of Massachusetts and of some other states, revealed other names, so that the list now comprises forty graduates. To this has been added, for obvious reasons, the names of four instructors during or immediately preceding the war, who also enlisted in the Union Army.

Possibly the most striking thing about the graduates who enlisted for service is the large number who joined as musicians. At least fifteen of them, or about thirty-seven per cent., went into this branch of the service, a direct result, undoubtedly, of the Farm School Band, which was organized four years before the outbreak of the war.

Four graduates were killed in action or died from wounds, and five others were wounded. The deaths were as follows: Charles M. Plumer, '55, died Feb. 8, 1862; Alphonse Arlin, '59, killed in action at Fredericksburg, Dec 11, 1862; Franklin J. Cremin, '61, killed at Fredericksburg by accidental discharge of gun, May 8, 1864; Edward E. Moore, '63, died of wounds, Aug. 27, 1864.

The wounded were: George W. Campbell, '54, at Yorktown, Va., April 26, 1862; Michael

Ford, '61, at Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; Fred B. Pullen, '58, at Sabine Cross Roads, La., April 8, 1864; John A. Robertson, '57, in front of Petersburg, Va., May 18, 1864; Joseph King, '56, at Darbytown Road, Va., Oct. 13, 1864.

Six graduates re-enlisted, as follows: William Ackerman, '56, John H. Armstrong, '61, Thomas W. Burroughs, '57, George W. Campbell, '54, Solomon B. Holman, '50, Joseph B. Porter, '58.

Three advanced above the rank of private: John W. Faulkner, '56, and John A. Robertson, '57, became corporals. The highest rank reached by any graduate was that of first lieutenant, attained by Solomon B. Holman, '50. In addition, Lieut. Holman was acting quartermaster of the 6th Wisconsin Infantry for a period of six weeks.

The graduates of '62 contributed the largest number to the army—seven. The classes of '56, '58 and '61 each gave five; the class of '57 gave four, the classes of '59 and '60 each three, and the classes of '63 and '64 each four.

Four enlistments were at the age of 14. They were John H. Armstrong, '61, Franklin J. Cremin, '61, Robert B. Hasty, '62, and Rufus King, '60. Two others, at the age of 15, were Thomas J. Evans, '64, and Thomas J. MacNamee, '62, both of whom are living today.

Other survivors, so far as known, include Solomon B. Holman, '50, George W. Campbell, '54, John A. Robertson, '57, Franklin F. Pullen, '58, William J. Clarke, '62, and Samuel C. Denton, '62.

The first graduate to enlist appears to have been William T. Gibson, '52, who volunteered on April 19, 1861. Solomon B. Holman was second, dating from May 10, while before the year 1861 closed there were 14 others in the service.

Of the 40 graduate enlistments, 18 were made in 1861, seven in 1862, six in 1863, and seven in 1864, while two are unknown.

Seven graduates left the school for the purpose of enlisting and immediately entered the service. They were John H. Armstrong, '61,

Robert B. Hasty, '62, George E. Sherburne, '62, George W. Sargent, '63, Edward E. Moore, '63, Thomas J. Evans, '64, and William F. Hanaford, '64.

So far as the record shows, only one graduate, George W. Sargent, '63, served in the Navy.

The largest number of graduates in any one organization was six in the 24th Massachusetts Infantry. John A. Robertson, '57, joined the regiment on Sept. 4, 1861, and was followed on Sept. 16 by John H. Armstrong, '61, Edward A. Finnigan, '60, and George N. Seaman, '60. On Sept. 17, William Akerman, '56, joined the regiment, and on Oct. 30, Joseph King, '56, completed the sextet of graduates in that one organization. It so happened that this regiment, which was largely recruited in Boston, had as its regimental band, the famous Gilmore's Band, which the historian of the regiment describes as "the most famous musical aggregation in the United States." The colonel was Thomas G. Stevenson, whose services are commemorated by a bronze statue at the State House. A Grand Army Post at Roxbury, which bears his name, has for many years maintained intimate relations with the Farm and Trades School. On a number of occasions the school band has accepted the invitation of the post to play at their memorial exercises, and the post has reciprocated with many courtesies, not the least of which was in presenting to the school the tall flag-staff which now adorns the summit of Thompson's Island, and from which Old Glory floats on festal occasions.

Enclosed within a frame of gold, on the walls of the Senate reading-room in the Massachusetts State House, a fit companion piece there to the musket and drum carried at Baltimore, the scene of the first bloodshed of the war, is a torn ensign of Squadron H, of the 4th Massachusetts Cavalry, whose unique and glorious history is told in the following inscription:

"Guidon of H Squadron, 4th Massachusetts Cavalry, the first colors placed upon

the capitol at Richmond, Virginia, April 3, 1865, flying for about two hours until replaced by a garrison flag."

Two graduates, Thomas W. Burroughs, '57, and Thomas J. Evans, '64, saw service in this very regiment and squadron, and the latter was also present on the occasion of presenting the memento to the State.

Three graduates served together in the 11th U. S. Infantry, all as musicians. They were William J. Clarke, '62, Thomas J. MacNamee, '62, and Augustin W. Wood, '61. The former two enlisted on the same day, July 20, 1863, and the latter a month earlier, and all served throughout the rest of the war.

Two graduates served in the 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, but not together. Edward E. Moore, '63, enlisted in the regiment Dec. 11, 1863, and died of wounds Aug. 27, 1864. William F. Hanaford, '64, joined the regiment Oct. 25, 1864.

The two Cremin brothers, William H., '56, and Franklin J., '61, both joined the 58th Massachusetts Infantry, while the two Pullen brothers, Franklin F., '58, and Fred B., '58, were together in the 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry.

Two instructors, Napoleon B. Stockbridge and Virgil D. Stockbridge, served together in the 2nd District of Columbia Volunteers, and both won commissions. The former was wounded during the Fort Fisher operations and was removed to the hospital in Washington. In connection with that event, the following incident, related by Henry Gould, who was watchman at the school from October, 1865, to October, 1878, and who at the age of 87, is now living at Marlboro, N. H., is told in Mr. Gould's own words, under date of Sept. 2, 1914:

"I never was in the army, but I spent the winter of 1864-5 at McDougall Hospital, where I was employed as a nurse. While I was there, Napoleon Stockbridge came there from the battle of Fort Fisher. Mr. William Morse wrote me in relation to him, and I looked him up." Mr. Gould does not mention the faithful and tender care which he bestowed upon Mr.

Stockbridge, but others speak of it even to this day.

Two other instructors served in regiments with two graduates. John R. Morse resigned his position as principal, and with Robert B. Hasty, '62, enlisted Sept. 16, 1862, in the 45th Massachusetts Infantry. Both served as musicians.

Joseph E. Porter, '58, enlisted in the 9th Maine Infantry, Sept. 4, 1861, and re-enlisted on the field Jan. 1, 1864, for another period of three years. In the following September he was joined in the regiment by George Douglas, Jr., who had been farmer at the school.

Regiments which were represented by a single graduate were as follows: Massachusetts—1st, 2d, 5th, 9th, 11th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 23d, 38th, 47th, 50th, 56th, and 60th Infantry Regiments, 2d Heavy Artillery, 12th and 15th Batteries, the Sharpshooters; New Hampshire—6th Infantry; New York—99th Infantry; Wisconsin—6th Infantry.

In the records of the school occurs an interesting entry about a graduate who served, not in the Union Army, but in the Confederate service, although apparently against his will. The entry is as follows:

"Fontaine Jones, '64, born in Portland, Me., Aug. 31, 1850; admitted to the school Jan. 23, 1864; discharged Sept. 19, 1864, to his father, and with him went to Nashville, Tenn. They were refugees from Eufala, Ala. The boy for a while was in the rebel army and the father worked on bridges and railroads. They made their escape the first opportunity to the Union lines."

Following is the list of graduates who served in the civil war, together with their military record:

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

William Akerman, '56, enlisted at Boston, Sept. 17, 1861, as drummer in Company K, 24th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 18; re-enlisted Dec. 29, 1863; mustered out Jan. 20, 1866.

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The article on "Farm School Boys in the Civil War," which is printed in the current issue of The Beacon, for the first time makes public the names and the number of Farm School boys who rallied to the defense of the flag in the great civil war of fifty years ago.

The work of research was begun by the late John R. Morse, for many years an honored principal of this school, and who resigned that position in 1862 to enlist, and accompanied to the front one of his own pupils, a lad of fourteen years. The work was carried to completion by the historian of the Alumni Association.

Perhaps it is only natural that a school which had its beginnings at a time when the country was engaged in a great foreign war should have had many of its sons participate in a conflict which threatened the nation's existence. And in more recent years, other graduates served their country in the war with Spain on both land and sea. But apart from its strictly historical value, which in this year of the School's centennial is most timely, the article by its long roll of enlistments, shows that the teachings here of citizenship and patriotism have not been in vain.

From 1850 to 1864, the period covered by the record of enlistments, approximately 325 boys passed from the School to the world of action, and of this number at least forty, or more than twelve per cent., are known to have enlisted in the Union Army. The record, of course, is not complete. Graduates, in those days, as now, went to all parts of New England and to the Far West, and after a lapse of half a century the task of discovering new names is beset with many difficulties. For instance, only nine of the forty now survive, and not one of them was able to add another name to the list as now published.

Perhaps at some future date further research may yield other names for the list, but in the meantime the two score names, with the record of four killed and five wounded, is indeed a roll of honor of which all alike may be proud, and for the Farm and Trades School may well be its "Forty Immortals."

**Notes**

Sept. 1. Roland Stanley Bruneau returned to his mother.

Sept. 2. Lawrence M. Cobb, '14, here for the afternoon.

Steamer Pilgrim taken to Lawley's for annual overhauling.

Sept. 3. Blacksmith came to shoe horses.

Sept. 5. Roy Willard Bashaw, '14, left to attend the Worcester Trades School and to live with his mother.

Sept. 7. Began gathering and drying seaweed for bedding.

Sept. 8. Finished hauling in salt hay.

Sept. 9. Set up horse-power and feed-cutter to cut corn-stocks for cows.

Sept. 10. Began cleaning out east side tide ditches.

Beached, cleaned and repaired north side landing float.

Sept. 12. Mr. Walter Adams passed the night with us.

Stanley Weston Clark, '14, went to work for William F. Mayo Co., 286 Summer St., and to live with his mother.

Sept. 15. Repairing farm-house path.

Sept. 17. Harvested beans for seed.

Sept. 19. Rudolph Kermit Glines returned to his father.

Sept. 21. Began digging potatoes.

Sowed winter rye in marsh.

Perry Coombs, '14, left to attend the Wentworth Institute and live with his aunt.

Sept. 23. Col. Joseph F. Scott here for a few days.

Sept. 24. Dressed thirty pounds of fowl.

Sept. 25. Summer term of school closed.

Visiting Day. Two hundred and seventy-eight persons came on the Nantasket Beach Steamboat Company's boat "South Shore."

Sept. 26. First football game of the season.

Walter Scott Hall, Jr., '14, left to attend the East Jaffrey, N. H., High School and to live with his sister.

Sept. 27. Treasurer Arthur Adams visited us.

Sept. 30. Banked celery.

Shipped 49 bushels sweet corn and 68 bushels tomatoes to town this month.

Mr. Theodore Rafter, assistant superintendent of Boston schools, visited here.

Through the kindness of Mr. Arthur Adams, a squad of boys attended Brockton Fair.

**The Farm and Trades School Bank**

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1914	\$936.95
Deposits during the month	58.05
	995.00
Withdrawn during the month	20.21
Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1914	\$974.79

**September Meteorology**

Maximum temperature, 92° on the 23rd.

Minimum temperature, 37° on the 29th.

Mean temperature for the month, 61.5°.

Total precipitation, .41 inches.

Greatest precipitation in twenty-four hours, .30 inches on the 29th.

2 days with .01 or more inches precipitation.

19 clear days, 10 partly cloudy, 1 cloudy day.

Total number of hours sunshine, 217.

**Grew Garden Prizes**

On Friends' Day, September twenty-fifth, Mr. Bradley gave out the Grew garden prizes to those whose gardens showed the best general results. There were ten prizes, which were awarded as follows:

First, Antonio V. Maciel, \$5.00.

Second, Donald M. Wilde, \$4.00.

Third, Elmer W. Greene, \$3.50.

Fourth, Robert H. Peterson, \$3.00.

Fifth, Norman R. Wyatt, \$2.50.

Sixth, Norman W. Darling, \$2.00.

Seventh, George W. Casey, \$1.25.

Eighth, Truman G. Cannon, \$1.25.

Ninth, George F. Kendall, \$1.00.

Tenth, Henry P. Holmes, \$1.00.

The judges were Mrs. Bradley, Miss Silver, and Mr. Beebe. ANTONIO V. MACIEL.

### Brockton Fair

On September thirtieth, fourteen fellows, accompanied by two instructors, went to the Brockton Fair. We left our Island at nine o'clock in the launch and the rowboat "Mary Chilton." We arrived at the South Station at nine forty-five o'clock. We took the special train for Brockton, starting at ten o'clock and arriving at Brockton at ten minutes of eleven. We took a car for the fair grounds, and then walked around, looking at the fruit, vegetables, horses, cows, hens, etc., getting souvenirs from different places. At twelve o'clock we had our dinner. Then we looked about at the side shows, entering some and looking at the side attractions. We went into the center of the race track, where they were having a basket ball game and other amusements. About half-past three we started toward home, and we just got on the outside of the race track when we heard a band playing and witnessed some other attractions. On looking at the track we saw some men bringing Beechy's aeroplane along. They took it to the lower end of the race track and the field was cleared. They wound up his propeller, but the machine failed to go up at first. The next time, however, it went up nicely. He got way up and took a few dives and then flew upside down and waved his hands back and forth, and then he landed. Every one was clapping for him. We left the fair grounds at four-fifteen o'clock, went to the station, and took a train for Boston, reaching our Island at about five-thirty o'clock. I enjoyed the day very much and I am sure every one else did, and we all wish to thank Mr. Arthur Adams, who made it possible for us to attend the fair. VICTOR H. GORDON.

### Cottage Row Trial

On Sunday, September sixth, nine fellows were arrested, five for trespassing on Cottage Row and four for playing ball on Sunday. On Monday night there was a trial for these fellows. Seven of the boys pleaded guilty to the respective charges against them, and were each fined thirty-five cents. The remaining two pleaded not guilty. The witnesses told

how they had seen one of the defendants on Cottage Row. Mr. Bradley was attorney for the government, and Harry L. Fessenden was attorney for the defense. At last, after the jury had heard the witnesses, the judge told them that they might retire. After a few minutes of consultation, the jury came in. The foreman of the jury handed the clerk a sealed envelope containing the verdict. He handed it to the judge, who read it silently. The judge then passed it back to the clerk, who stood up and read that the defendant had been found guilty of trespassing on Cottage Row. Then the prisoner arose and stood before the judge, who pronounced upon him a fine of seventy-five cents. He appealed to a higher court. The other defendant was found not guilty of trespassing on Cottage Row, and the case was dismissed.

EMERSON S. GOULD.

### A Sunday Afternoon Treat

On Sunday, September sixth, in the afternoon about five minutes of four, all the cottage owners and officers were asked to go down to their cottages and wait. After waiting about five minutes in my cottage with two other boys, two officers of Cottage Row stepped up to the door and asked how many of us there were. One of us answered "Three." One officer handed us a bottle of ginger ale apiece, and the other some crackers. We greatly enjoyed this, and then returned the bottles with thanks. I then went out on the playground, feeling much refreshed.

GEORGE F. KENDALL.

### Watering Spinach

One afternoon after I had finished picking tomatoes, Mr. Shaw told me to water the spinach. I went to the root-cellar, got two pots, and then went into the back room of the farm-house and got a hose that was there. I took the hose outside, screwed it onto the faucet, then turned on the water, filled the pots and carried them over to the place where the spinach was, and put the water on it.

DONALD S. MACPHERSON.

## Bouquet Prizes

On Sunday, September thirteenth, Mr. Bradley said he would give five prizes to the monitors who had the best looking bouquets on their tables. He said the fellows who sit at the table could also help if they wanted to. After dinner everybody was busy getting bouquets for their tables. I was given permission to get some golden-rod. I picked one stalk that was just about large enough for a bouquet. I put it on the table at which I sit. In the evening Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Walter Adams, as judges, decided which were the best bouquets. The next day Mr. Bradley came into the dining-room at dinner time and awarded the prizes. They were as follows:

First prize, Ernest V. Wyatt, 75c.

Second prize, Wesley F. Adams, 50c.

Third prize, Elwin C. Bemis, 25c.

Fourth prize, Benjamin L. Murphy, 15c.

Fifth prize, Arthur B. Gilbert, 10c.

The monitor of my table won the fourth prize.

HOWARD F. LOCHRIE.

## Setting Glass

One day recently while I was playing ball I broke a pane of glass in the "Sunshine" cottage. I took the frame down to the paint-shop and scraped all the old putty off. I took the measurements of the glass I wanted and gave them to Mr. Kneeland, who cut the glass for me. He told me I might come down some noon hour with a paint-shop fellow and set the glass. Monday I went down, took the putty and set the glass.

FREDERICK A. SMITH.

## The Playground

Our playground is situated northwest of the main building. At the upper end is a hedge. On the left side going down are two rows of trees about five yards apart. On the right hand side near the hedge is an out-door gymnasium. A little farther down is a giant swing. At the lower end are the boys' cottages. In the center is a baseball diamond, and in the fall the field is marked off for football.

CARL H. COLLINS.

## Choosing Up for Football

On Saturday afternoon, September 19th, we chose up for football. The all-school team of last year chose four candidates for captains, and the rest of the fellows chose two. Then the whole school elected four captains from these six candidates. After the captains had been elected, we voted to see which of the four was considered the best captain. The fellow receiving the largest number of votes was to be captain of team A, the next largest, captain of team B, and so on down to team D. The one who received the greatest number of votes had last choice in the selection of players for his team, and the one who received the least number of votes had first choice. The captains are: Leroy S. Heinlin, team A; Calvin O. Holmes, team B; Chester R. Wood, team C; Forrest L. Churchill, team D. I am glad that I am elected captain, and I will make a big effort to have my team come out a winner at the end of the season.

FORREST L. CHURCHILL.

## Torn Clothes

Every day before school is the time to have our clothes changed. If a fellow's clothes are torn he first gets permission to go to the sewing-room. There the instructor tells him whether his clothes will be sewed or changed. If they are to be changed the boy goes to the clothing-room and tells the boy who is in charge. The change is recorded in a day book telling whether it was of pants, coat, shoes, or suspenders, and whether it was old or new. Then at night it is put in a book in which are recorded all the changes for each fellow.

CHESTER R. WOOD.

## Picking Up Horse Chestnuts

One morning during vacation Mr. Beebe told some other boys and me to rake leaves on the front lawn. I had the upper strip under two chestnut trees. Mr. Beebe told me after I had raked to the end of the trees to pick up all the chestnuts that I had raked. I took three buckets from the east basement and picked up two and a half bucketfuls that morning.

WILLIAM E. KENNEDY.

## Rooter Pipes and Schedules

On September twenty-sixth, the first football game was played between teams A and B. After the game was started Mr. Bradley came out and gave each fellow a rooter pipe and a football schedule. All the fellows enjoyed the pipes very much and made a lot of noise with them. The game was won by team A, the score being thirteen to six. The schedule is as follows:

September 26 . . . .	A—B
October 3 . . . .	C—D
" 10 . . . .	A—C
" 10 . . . .	B—D
" 17 . . . .	A—D
" 17 . . . .	B—C
" 24 . . . .	A—B
" 31 . . . .	C—D
November 7 . . . .	A—C
" 14 . . . .	B—D
" 21 . . . .	A—D
" 28 . . . .	B—C

CHESTER R. WOOD.

## Taking Care of the Waste Paper

Every Saturday I take the waste paper from the printing-office to the storage-barn. Before I do this it has to be sorted and put in bags. There are five kinds of waste paper: ledger, magazine, news, craft and waste. These are bagged and tagged. Before the bags are put away the date is written on the tag.

ARTHUR B. GILBERT.

## Picking Corn

As soon as the farm line gets down to the barn, Mr. Kneeland tells us what to do. Lately another fellow and I have been picking corn. First we go down to the storage-barn and get wheelbarrows and bushel boxes. We next go over to the corn-field. Each of us takes a row. We strip the corn down a little. If the kernels are close together, we pick the corn. If not, we leave them on the stocks. After we pick them they are put in boxes and taken to the kitchen.

DUDLEY B. BREED.

## Blocking Paper

Sometimes after a job is printed in our printing-office, it has to be blocked. The first thing we do in blocking the paper is to get two boards. One of these boards is placed on the table. The paper which is to be blocked is then placed on this board, and the other board is placed on top of the paper. This is weighted down to keep it firm. Then a thin coat of pad cement is applied to the top or side of the block, as desired. When the first coat is dry, another is put on and a piece of cheese-cloth is applied on this, with a little cement spread over it. When all this is dry, the blocks are cut apart, so as to make as many as desired.

DONALD M. WILDE.

## A Curious Vessel

One morning as I was going to work I happened to look out in the direction of the main channel and saw a vessel that looked like the one in which Columbus came over. It had two masts and had large flags flying. It had a few of its sails set. It came to my mind that, if Columbus could see his old "cockle-shell" alongside of one of our modern ocean liners, he would prefer one of the latter. I understood, by reading the paper a few days later, that the curious looking vessel which I had seen was made to the exact dimensions of Columbus's boat. It had the original anchor, charts, and mariner's compass.

HAROLD L. CARD.

## Cutting Bandages

Another boy and I have lately been cutting bandages. First we washed our hands in sulpho-naphthol and also washed the table with it. Then we took the cloth and first I cut strips one inch and a half wide. The other fellow cut one inch bandages. When we had the bandages cut we rolled them on the bandage roller. There are three widths of bandages, one inch, one inch and a half, and two inches. I like to do this work very well.

NORMAN W. DARLING.

**Farm School Boys in the Civil War**

(Continued from Page 3)

Alphonse Arlin (Alonzo Arling), '59, enlisted at Boston, Dec. 7, 1861, in Company I, 20th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 18; killed in action at Fredericksburg, Dec. 11, 1862.

John H. Armstrong, '61, enlisted at Boston, Sept. 16, 1861, as drummer in Company B, 24th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 14; re-enlisted Dec. 19, 1863; mustered out Jan. 20, 1866. Died in California in 1884.

George H. Burkitt, '58, enlisted at Boston, July 12, 1864, in Company I, 60th Massachusetts Infantry, for 100 days; mustered out Nov. 30, 1864.

Thomas W. Burroughs, '57, enlisted at Boston, Oct. 31, 1861, in Company E, 17th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 18; discharged Jan. 30, 1863; re-enlisted in Squadron H, 4th Massachusetts Cavalry, Jan. 28, 1864; discharged Nov. 14, 1865.

George W. Campbell, '54, enlisted Sept. 10, 1861, in Company H, 1st Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 17; wounded at Yorktown, Va., April 26, 1862; discharged Sept. 25, 1862, for disability; re-enlisted Sept. 28, 1863, in Company M, 2d Massachusetts Heavy Artillery; discharged Sept. 3, 1865.

William Church, '57, enlisted at Boston, June 13, 1861, in Company K, 11th Massachusetts Infantry, for three years, at the age of 21; discharged June 24, 1864.

William J. Clarke, '62, enlisted July 20, 1863, in the 11th United States Infantry, at the age of 18, and assigned to the band; transferred to the post band, Oct. 22, 1866; honorably discharged as corporal of the post band, at Camp Grant, Richmond, Va., July 20, 1868; re-enlisted July 20, 1868, and discharged as sergeant of the post band, March 17, 1869. Now living in Boston.

Franklin J. Cremin, '61, enlisted March 14, 1864, as musician in Company A, 58th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 14; killed May 8, 1864, at Fredericksburg, by accidental discharge of gun.

William H. Cremin, '56, enlisted April 5, 1864, as musician in Company H, 58th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 19; transferred May 1, 1865, to Veteran Relief Corps; discharged Aug. 4, 1865.

Samuel C. Denton, '62, enlisted Feb. 24, 1864, in Company A, 56th Massachusetts Infantry, as bugler, at the age of 17; discharged June 6, 1865. Now living at East Weymouth, Mass.

George Duffy, '51, said to have enlisted in the 22d Massachusetts Infantry. (Department records show that a George Duffy enlisted Oct. 9, 1861, in Company G, 99th New York Infantry, at the age of 33.)

Thomas John Evans, '64, enlisted at Boston, April 22, 1864, in Squadron H, 4th Massachusetts Cavalry, as musician, at the age of 15; discharged Nov. 14, 1865. Now living at East Weymouth.

John W. Faulkner, '56, enlisted as a corporal, Sept. 16, 1861, in 2d Company, Massachusetts Sharpshooters, at the age of 20; discharged March 24, 1863, on account of disability.

Edward A. Finnigan, '60, enlisted at Boston, Sept. 16, 1861, in Company F, 24th Massachusetts Infantry, as musician, at the age of 16; discharged Sept. 18, 1864.

Michael Ford, '61, enlisted at Boston, Aug. 13, 1862, in Company C, 9th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 21; wounded at Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; mustered out June 21, 1864.

William T. Gibson, '52, enlisted in Cambridge, April 19, 1861, in Company I, 5th Massachusetts Infantry, for three months, at the age of 20; discharged July 31, 1861. Died at Cambridge, Jan. 14, 1904.

Charles Hammond, '62, enlisted Feb. 13, 1863, in the 15th Massachusetts Battery, as bugler, at the age of 16; discharged Aug. 4, 1865.

William Franklin Hanaford, '64, enlisted Oct. 25, 1864, in an unassigned company of the 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, at the age of 18. No date of discharge given.

William H. Harris, '62. (Massachusetts records contain 12 such names.)

Robert B. Hasty, '62, enlisted at Boston, Sept. 16, 1862, in Company A, 45th Massachusetts Infantry, as musician, at the age of 14; discharged July 7, 1863.

James Healey, '58, applied for enlistment in the 20th Massachusetts Infantry, in 1864.

Solomon B. Holman, '50, enlisted May 10, 1861, at Prescott, Wis., in Company B, 6th Wisconsin Infantry (part of the Iron Brigade), at the age of 24; re-enlisted Dec. 31, 1863; appointed corporal, June 6, 1864; promoted to sergeant Aug. 1, 1864; made first sergeant, Sept. 15, 1864; commissioned first lieutenant, Dec. 21, 1864; acting quartermaster from April 1, 1865, to June 14, 1865. Now living at Dorchester.

Joseph King, '56, enlisted at Boston, Oct. 30, 1861, in Company F, 24th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 18; wounded at Darbytown Road, Va., Oct. 13, 1864; discharged Oct. 31, 1864; died at Wilmington, Mass., Sept. 28, 1906.

Rufus King, '60, enlisted at Somerville, Oct. 18, 1861, in Company F, 23d Massachusetts Infantry, as musician, at the age of 14; discharged Sept. 22, 1862.

Thomas J. MacNamee, '62, enlisted at Boston, July 20, 1863, in the band of the 11th U. S. Infantry, for the full term of five years, at the age of 15; and discharged at expiration of term. Now living at Washington, D. C.

Edward E. Moore, '63, enlisted at Boston, Dec. 11, 1863, in Company D, 1st Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, at the age of 15; died of wounds, Aug. 27, 1864.

Robert Parrott, '56, enlisted Oct. 25, 1861, at North Hampton, N. H., in Company H, 6th New Hampshire Infantry, at the age of 21; discharged July 17, 1865; died July 10, 1912, at Mountain Branch, N. H. D. V. S., Johnson City, Tenn.

Charles M. Plumer, '55, enlisted July 19, 1861, in Company K, 21st Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 19; died Feb. 8, 1862.

Joseph B. Porter, '58, enlisted at Machias,

Me., Sept. 4, 1861, in Company H, 9th Maine Infantry, at the age of 18; re-enlisted on the field Jan. 1, 1864, for three years; discharged July 13, 1865.

Franklin F. Pullen, '58, enlisted as bugler, Aug. 1, 1862, in Company A, 38th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 19; transferred July 4, 1863, to the 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry; discharged May 20, 1865. Now living at Centerville, R. I.

Fred B. Pullen, '58, enlisted Aug. 13, 1862, in Company F, 3rd Massachusetts Cavalry, at the age of 16; wounded April 8, 1864, at Sabine Cross Roads, La.; discharged May 20, 1865. Died at Cambridge, where he was chief of police, June 4, 1913.

Walter Restarick, '61, enlisted at South Reading, Nov. 15, 1862, in Company E, 50th Massachusetts Infantry, for nine months, at the age of 17; discharged Aug. 24, 1863.

Fred A. Ramseyer, '59, enlisted at Cambridge, Sept. 19, 1862, in Company A, 47th Massachusetts Infantry, for nine months, at the age of 19; discharged Sept. 1, 1863. Died Sept. 24, 1912.

John A. Robertson, '57, enlisted as a corporal at Boston, Sept. 4, 1861, in Company G, 24th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 18; wounded in front of Petersburg May 18, 1864; discharged Sept. 22, 1864. Now living at Virginia City, Nev.

George W. Sargent, '63, enlisted at Boston, June 30, 1863, at the age of 15, in the U. S. Navy, and served on the ships "Ohio" and "Queen"; discharged July 13, 1865.

George N. Seaman, '60, enlisted at Boston, Sept. 16, 1861, as musician in Company F, 24th Massachusetts Infantry, at the age of 16; discharged Sept. 18, 1864. Died at St. Croix, Danish West Indies, April, 1905.

George E. Sherburne, '62, enlisted Oct. 28, 1862, as bugler in the 12th Massachusetts Battery, at the age of 17; discharged July 28, 1865.

George L. Smith, '59, "enlisted in the 2d Massachusetts Infantry." No other record available.

Augustin W. Wood, Jr., '61, enlisted June 18, 1863, in the 11th United States Infantry, at the age of 17, and assigned to the band; re-enlisted June 17, 1868; placed on the retired list June 18, 1893; died Oct. 2, 1899.

#### INSTRUCTORS.

George Douglas, Jr., farmer, enlisted in Company D, 9th Maine Infantry, Sept. 19, 1864; discharged June 30, 1865.

John R. Morse, school principal, enlisted at Boston, Sept. 16, 1862, in Company A, 45th Massachusetts Infantry; discharged July 7, 1863. Died Dec. 9, 1912.

Walter S. Parker, instructor, enlisted July 19, 1864, in Company E, 8th Massachusetts Infantry, for three months; discharged on expiration of service.

Napoleon B. Stockbridge, instructor, enlisted Feb. 27, 1862, in Company G, 2d District of Columbia Volunteers; wounded at Fort Fisher; promoted to commissary sergeant, Aug. 23, 1862; to sergeant, Sept. 9, 1862; commissioned second lieutenant, Nov. 11, 1862; discharged Sept. 7, 1864.

Virgil D. Stockbridge, instructor, enlisted Jan. 14, 1862, in Company G, 2d District of Columbia Volunteers; appointed adjutant of regiment, with rank of first lieutenant, June 26, 1862; discharged Jan. 13, 1864.

#### A Baseball Game

On Wednesday, September sixteenth, four other fellows and I attended a ball game between Boston and St. Louis. We went over to City Point in the "Mary Chilton," and from there we went on the electrics to Fenway Park. When we arrived there we were all given score cards. We got seats back of the catcher, which we thought was the best place. We first saw St. Louis practicing; then Boston practised for a while. Just before the game commenced, John Evers, captain of the Boston Braves, was presented with a silver cup. St. Louis was at the bat first. I liked very much to see Evers play. The score was six to three, in favor of Boston.

FLOYD B. WARREN.

#### Baseball Cups

On last Friends' Day, September twenty-fifth, the baseball cups were given out. These are silver cups, each with the fellow's name and the position which he played engraved on it. Fourteen cups were given to the best players in their respective positions. Besides the individual prizes, a shield was given to the winning team of the season. Team C received the shield, and the cups were awarded as follows:

LeRoy S. Heinlein, catcher.  
Eldred W. Allen, pitcher.  
Wilbur F. Blanchard, first base.  
Paul C. A. Swenson, second base.  
Joseph L. Pendergast, third base.  
Forrest L. Churchill, short stop.  
Harold L. Card, left field.  
Herbert L. Dudley, center field.  
Harold L. Carlton, right field.  
Warner E. Spear, sub. pitcher.  
William J. Grant, sub. catcher.  
Charles R. Jefferson, sub. catcher.  
Victor H. Gordon, sub. catcher.

JOSEPH L. PENDERGAST.

#### Making a Picture-frame

Recently I have been working on model number twelve, which is the small picture-frame. About the hardest thing about it is to make the joints just right. I first measure out the right size, take the saw which hangs on the bench and cut down to the line. Then I get a piece of scrap-wood, lay it on the bench and cut the joints out. If I do not have a piece of wood there, I am liable to cut into my bench. I hope to make a good picture-frame.

GEORGE G. LARSSON.

#### Working in the Shop

The boys who wish to work in the shop must first get permission from Mr. Beebe and the sloyd instructor. They are allowed to use the tools which are for that purpose. The boys who work in the shop must be careful of their tools. They have the privilege of making picture-frames, boats, and other things which are useful.

KENNETH A. BEMIS.

# The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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LEONARD C. RIPLEY, '10, is in Miami, Fla., 318 Fifth Street. He writes: "I am now working as foreman for the city under my uncle. Miami is a city of about 15,000 inhabitants during the summer, and about doubles during the winter. It is beautifully situated on Bay Biscayne and is a city of palms. Cocoanut, banana, and royal palms are scattered throughout the city. Miami boasts of having the longest wagon bridge in the world, it being a little over two and a quarter miles in length. It connects the mainland with the beach, where all the bathing beaches are located. The beach is a reef of coral about ten miles long, one mile wide. One end for about three miles

is built up, but the rest is "the forest primeval," so thick with palms and under-brush that it is impossible to walk through it. I certainly do want the Beacon to be sent to me here, as the first thing I do after I get it is to sit down and read it.

BRADLEY MARTIN SHERMAN, '12, while returning to his home on the evening of Sept. 29, dropped on the street from heart failure. The funeral services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church, where he and his brother John, who is still a pupil of this School, used to attend church, and where both boys had many friends.

## Taking Over the Waste

It is my work every other morning before school to take the waste over to the incinerator. I first go down to the barn and get a horse and cart. Then I drive up back of the power-house, where I take the soft coal ashes that are there and put them in my cart. Next I drive down on the Willow Road and spread the ashes around. When that is done, I drive back and empty the cans of waste into the cart. I then drive over to the incinerator, where I put in the waste. After this I drive back to the barn and put up the horse.

HUBERT N. LEACH.

## Making a Bait-trap

One day as I was walking along the beach I saw a box with some inch-holes bored in it. There was a piece of wood fastened by hinges so as to form a cover. It had a latch made of rawhide. I asked Mr. Beebe if I could take it

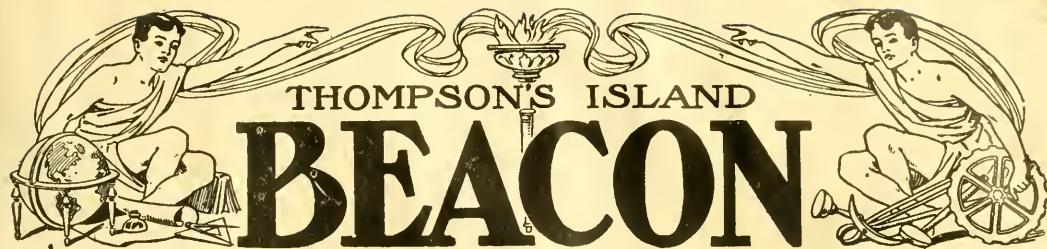
up to the shop and make a bait-trap of it. He said, "Yes." I got some screening from Mr. Kneeland and some tacks from the sloyd instructor. I then borrowed a hammer and set to work. I soon had the screening all over the holes. It is now ready for bait.

JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

## Harrowing

One Saturday afternoon I asked Mr. Shaw if he would let me harrow, and he told me that I might. I harnessed the horses and took them the to South End, where I hitched them to the harrow. It is a disc harrow and there is a seat for the driver. Harrowing is done to break up the lumps of earth and to make the land smooth and even after ploughing. I first went over the ground lengthwise and then went over it crosswise; in this way all the low places are filled.

WILLIAM J. GRANT.



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### Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en was celebrated on Saturday evening, Oct. 31. At eight o'clock the fellows went down around the Back Road. There were fellows dressed up as ghosts and devils around everywhere in the orchard and on the lawn. There were also lighted jack-o'-lanterns around the barn and on the front lawn. We went into the barn and husked some corn. When this was done, we started a Virginia Reel. One of the boys played the violin while the others danced. After this was finished, at one end of the barn there was a game of pinning the tail on the cat blindfolded. In the middle of the barn ducking for apples was going on. At the other end of the barn in the carriage room some went through the ghosts' den. I ducked for apples and got one, and then went down to the end of the barn and succeeded in pinning the tail on the cat. After that I went through the ghosts' den. There were a lot of ghosts in there and we had our fortunes told. When I came out of there I saw some fellows that were blindfolded sitting down at a table. One of the instructors told them to blow at a piece of paper to see how long they could keep it on the table. As soon as they got to blowing good, an instructor put some flour on the table, and they blew this all around. Some got flour in their mouths, but all of them got it all over their clothes. Down by the end of the barn there were fellows cutting some flour that was shaped like a pie. I asked what the stunt was and somebody told me that there was money hidden in the flour. I cut a slice off but I did not get any money. Soon we were called together and were given some cider. After we

had drank this we each had a pumpkin pie. Then we were given some marshmallows and a stick to toast them on, after which we went to bed. We all enjoyed the evening very much

HOWARD F. LOCHRIE.

### Stereopticon Pictures

One Sunday night, for the pleasure of the boys and instructors, Mr. Bradley announced that we would have either moving pictures or stereopticon pictures on Wednesday night. When the time came we saw we would have the latter. The pictures he showed us were some that he or his friends had taken while he and Mrs. Bradley were on a trip south. Some of the pictures were of the Bahama Islands. One of these which I remember was the chief sponge market of the world, Nassau. He told us that these boats go to the outer island and divers go down with a knife in their hands and cut the sponge. He then showed the yard where they sorted the sponges and told how all persons who went out were searched to see if they had taken any. If they had they were arrested because it is said they have no use for them except to sell them. Another interesting thing about the Bahamas was the Sea Gardens. There were small houses and things made of coral, a work of nature. Through this place the different colored fishes kept swimming in and out. Then he showed us some pictures of Porto Rico. One interesting view was growing tobacco. The tobacco field is covered with a sort of cheese cloth and when it gets old this tobacco cloth is washed, baled something like cotton waste, and sold for wiping machines.

DOUGLAS A. HASKINS.

## A Bird Lecture

On October eighth, Mr. Edward H. Forbush came to the Island and gave us an interesting lecture on birds. He told us the names of the birds, their habits, ways, and how to attract them. He told us how to make bird-houses and said that birds would live in almost anything. Different kinds of houses are used. Some are made out of tin cans and some are boxes especially made so that one can observe the birds and see how they progress. A little grain spread in some particular spot each day will attract some birds. If a bird is taken care of during his young days he will come to the same place each year. He also told us of his experiences and what others were doing to protect the birds and how much birds were doing for the farmer. I am sure we all enjoyed this interesting lecture.

DONALD M. WILDE.

## Making a Job ready to Print

In the printing office after the type for any job has been set up and locked up in a chase, the next thing to be done is to make the job ready on the press. First the press is inked then the form put in and a new tympan put on. This tympan is composed of six sheets of impression, four draw sheets, press board, and a piece of tympan paper. The impression paper is first put on and then the draw sheets and the tympan. On each of the draw sheets an impression is taken; after that, two sheets of impression are taken out to make up for the tympan paper, because that is thicker than the draw sheets and the type would punch through. Then the press board is placed between the draw sheets which gives a hard impression. The paper is gauged, by means of quads glued onto the tympan so that the paper will be secure and will not slide while the impression is being taken. Then a proof is taken of the type to see if there are any bad letters or heavy rules to be changed. A proof is sent to the office, and when it has been looked over it is ready to print.

RAYMOND H. BATCHELDER.

## A Trip down the Harbor

The last Friend's Day of nineteen fourteen was a trip on the Nantasket boat down to Nantasket Beach and back to our Island. On the way we saw many beautiful Islands and houses. The boys went on the boat from the Island and met their friends aboard. The first stop was at Pemberton and several people got off there. The boys who did not have any friends went on the main deck forward where Mr. Beebe was. We were allowed to look all over the boat and the most interesting thing was to watch the machines start and go. We reached Nantasket about half-past eleven, and then we had our lunch which had been put up for us at the School. Mr. Kneeland passed out the fruit.

GEORGE G. LARSSON.

## The Barn Dance

One Thursday evening recently, the advanced class gave a barn dance. It was held up in the gymnasium. We had apples and cookies. The programme was as follows:

Music	Husking Bee
Jokes, Songs, etc.	Refreshments
Music	
Games and amusements	
Dancing	
1 Grand March	6 Polka
2 Two Step	7 Waltz
3 Waltz	8 Two Step
4 Barn Dance	9 Barn Dance
5 Duchess	

I danced with three fellows and liked it very much.

NORMAN R. WYATT.

## Plowing

One Saturday afternoon Mr. Shaw asked me if my brother was going to work on the farm with me. I told him "Yes." He told me that I might plow with "Topsy" and "Colonel" on the west side of the playground. After we had harnessed we went to the old barn, hitched on to the dray, put the plow on it, and started for the field. When we arrived there we started on the upper side. My brother drove and I held the plow.

ELDRED W. ALLEN.

**Harvard Us. Penn. State**

Saturday, October twenty-fourth, all the fellows were invited to see a football game between Harvard and Penn. State. We went over to City Point on our barge and there we boarded a special car which took us to the Stadium. When we arrived at the stadium we went in and found Harvard practicing. We saw them practice about ten minutes. Then the game was started. At the end of the first quarter Penn. State was ahead 10 to 0. In the second half Harvard made a touchdown but failed to kick the goal. That made the score 10 to 6. Between the halves there were some students who came out and gave a farce on the war. In the third quarter Penn. State made another field goal. In three minutes of the last quarter one of Harvard's men made a long end run and got another touchdown. The goal was kicked and the score was tied, being 13 to 13. It was a very good game and I am sure we all enjoyed it. We wish to thank Mr. Roger Pierce for giving us the privilege to attend such a good game.

JOSEPH L. PENDERGAST.

**Duties of Cottage Row Officers**

The Street Commissioner cleans Cottage Row, the Janitor keeps City Hall and surroundings clean, the Curator takes care of the rabbits, and the Librarian takes care of Cottage Row Library.

GEORGE B. MCLEOD.

**My First Day on Thompson's Island**

When I arrived, I was naturally inquisitive and wanted to get out and look around. Mr. Beebe had to fix up our things and he told us that in a little while we could go out and watch the boys play football, but when he got through with us it was dark. I like the Island. The work is the same as I have been doing for the last year and a half. I like the gymnasium apparatus best though. The thing I like best is the wooden slide. We can't slide on it now because Mr. Beebe has just varnished it. I hope I shall like, and shall be liked as long as I am here.

GEORGE J. ODOM.

**Sloyd**

In thesloyd room there are sixteen benches with a back saw, benchhook, rule, marking gauge pencil, eraser, knife, try-square, T square and triangle.

The models are wedge, planting-pin, plant-support, breadboard, plant-stand, coat hanger, cylinder, file handle, hammer handle, butter paddle, paper knife, small frame, pen tray, nail box, cake spoon, mallet, large frame, sugar scoop, book support, dumbbell, tray and chest.

After we finish making each model correctly we get a diploma. DAVID L. NICE.

**The Hallowe'en Invitations**

The Hallowe'en Invitations were printed on onyx paper, and were five and seven-eighths inches long and four and seven-eighths inches wide. On the inside was a small poem as follows:

“Here is an Invitation;  
Come to a conclave grave.  
Ye who are lion-hearted,  
Join us who are brave.

“Join us who are valiant  
And bold let's try to be  
When those fearful Hallowe'en Bogies  
Come to visit me.

“Come to visit at my house  
With stories, games and such.  
The man or girl that doesn't accept  
Is apt to get in Dutch.”

“Will you try it?  
October 31, 1914, 8 o'clock.

The Barn”

On the opposite page from this was a witch that represented fortune telling. On the back cover was a black cat. On the front cover there was printed in large black letters: “Hallowe'en 1914;” a picture of an owl, and then followed: “The Farm and Trades School, Thompson's Island, Boston Mass.” They were very prettily arranged.

ELWIN C. BEMIS.

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It is a lack of a definite purpose in the minds of many boys of to-day, and the failure of the school to set that definite purpose plainly before them, that is responsible in a large measure for their lack of interest in study and in work.

The purpose of this School is to give the pupil an opportunity to find himself and to train him in the definite tasks in which the community needs efficient workmen. The pupil is surrounded by a great variety of interesting and practical activities, and by observation and by practical experience and elimination the boy is early finding out the things which he is really interested in and likely to succeed in doing.

Whether he be in the school-room, in the office, in the shop, or on the farm, he has his own particular work to accomplish, that which is to be done in a definite manner and for a specific purpose. He does not wander aimlessly through a list of chosen subjects wondering what it is all about and why his mind is burdened with unpractical things. His studies and his work are planned with an idea as to what he is best adapted, not overlooking his own choice in the matter, and with the idea of making him useful in whatever the community demands and in whatever he is capable of accomplishing. He is taught to be prompt, to be accurate, to be thorough in doing whatever is assigned to him with the knowledge that he is an important part upon which the success of the whole depends.

The location of The Farm and Trades School surrounded by the sea with its inspiring and broadening influence, and in plain view of many of the great activities of life, yet away from the constant din and distraction of the city, again enables the boy at the particular receptive period in his life to determine thoughtfully and carefully the particular things which he wants and is fitted to do; and with that free and happy life which comes from such surroundings he cheerfully goes about his task with a seriousness of responsibility and community interest. Dickens said "Whatever I have tried to do in

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my life I have tried to do well. What I have devoted myself to I have devoted myself to completely." We are striving to assist the boy in finding out the things which he can do well, cheerfully, and devotedly, and to teach him to press toward the goal of definite purpose with the will and energy of a man.

## Notes

Oct. 1. Mr. Edward H. Forbush investigating rat problem.

Wilbur Franklin Blanchard returned to his aunt.

LeRoy Smith Heinlein returned to his mother.

Oct. 2. Edward Malone returned to his mother.

Winter supply of flour and eight tons of wheat bran came.

Oct. 4. Peace Sunday. About 60 boys attended Hawe's Church in the morning, Rev. James Huxtable, Minister. Rev. Miles W. Smith of Newton Theological Institution conducted services in the afternoon. And Rev. Samuel H. Hilliard spoke to the boys.

Oct. 5. Fall term of school began.

Gift of magazines from Mr. Thomas Harrison.

Oct. 7. Francis Carlisle Gardner, '14, left to attend High School in Salem.

Oct. 8. Dr. Theodore Chamberlain spent the afternoon with us.

Mr. Edward H. Forbush gave an interesting illustrated lecture on birds.

Oct. 9. Finished digging potatoes, 704 bushels in all, averaging 190 bushels to the acre.

Oct. 10. Perry Coombs, '14, here.

Admission Committee Meeting; 17 boys out of 37 passed. The following boys were admitted on trial, Ernest Craig, George John Odom, Newton Henry Hodgson, Stephen Raymond Moses, Cyril Strafford Ames, Gordon Stewart Martin, Ralph Harry Benway, Irving Morse Barnaby, David Bruno LeBrun.

Oct. 11. Arthur Lawrence Reed and Charles Leslie Reed, admitted on trial.

Oct. 12. Began harvesting corn.

Oct. 13. Dr. Bancroft here.

Motor for service in stock-barn came.

Ellsworth Smith Wilkins admitted on trial.

Eight boys with Capt. Dix attended funeral of Stanley Weston Clark, '14.

Oct. 14. Boys of first class gave dance in Assembly Hall.

Twenty-nine boys husked one hundred and five bushels of corn in the evening.

Oct. 15. Clifford Henry Taylor admitted on trial.

Perley Ward White, '13, here for the afternoon.

Thirty boys husked one hundred and twenty bushels of corn in the evening.

Oct. 16. Paul Carl Andrew Swenson, '13, left to attend High School in Worcester, Mass.

Raymond W. Packard, '94, Mrs. Packard and friends visited the School.

Oct. 17. Alfred H. Casey, Ex.'14, here.

Oct. 19. Made up seven iron telephone poles from pipe stock.

Oct. 20. Edmund Shirley Bemis, '13, here for the afternoon.

Friends' Day. Boys with friends went on the Nantasket Beach Steamboat "Betty Alden" to Nantasket and return.

Oct. 21. Leroy Alvin Parsons admitted on trial.

Load of spruce and cypress lumber and forty bags of cement came from Freeport Street.

Oct. 22. Scow load of gluten meal and bran received.

Barn Party given by advanced class in Gardner Hall.

Thirty boys husked one hundred and one bushels of corn in the evening.

Oct. 23. Harvested 150 bushels of celery.

Harvested 225 heads of cabbage.

Pulled and stored pepper plants.

William F. O'Conner, '08, passed the afternoon with us.

Mr. Augustine C. Naville, city wire inspector, here.

Oct. 24. John O. Enright, '12, visited the School.

Through the kindness of Manager Roger Pierce the boys attended the Harvard-Pennsylvania State game at Harvard Stadium.

Oct. 25. Manager Dr. Henry Jackson visited us.

Oct. 26. Harvested fifteen bushels of turnips.

Through the kindness of Mr. Alden J. Rowe, the manager, the boys and instructors attended the Food Fair at Mechanics Building.

Oct. 27. Picked last of tomatoes.

Blacksmith here shoeing horses.

Began pulling Mangel-wurtzels.

Former instructor Mr. Erik Ekegren spent the night here.

Oct. 28. Took three cows to Brighton and brought back three.

Oct. 29. Wesley Clinton Angell admitted on trial.

Manager N. Penrose Hallowell visited the School.

Replaced channel marker off Head House.

Harry Lincoln Fessenden, '14, went to work for the Walker & Pratt Mfg. Co., Watertown, and is to live with his mother.

Charles R. Jefferson, '14, left the School to work for Boston Milling Company, 488 Harrison Avenue, Boston, and live with his mother in Newton.

Oct. 30. Claire R. Emery, '12, here.

Finished picking field corn.

Renewed riding cables for the Steamer Pilgrim.

No school. Teachers attended the Middlesex County Teachers' Convention.

Mrs. M. McRostie, Mrs. Thomas Lacey and Rev. Carl G. Horst visited the School.

Miss Fanny L. Walton here to spend Sunday.

Oct. 31. Hallowe'en Party at the Barn.

Llewelyn Hughes Lewis left the school to attend School in New Bedford.

Small load of gum wood and hickory came.

George Edward Morse admitted on trial.

John Herman Marshall, '11, Bernhardt Gerecke, '12, and Edson M. Bemis, '13, passed the afternoon here.

Husked 101 bushels of corn, making a total of 602 bushels, averaging 120 bushels to the acre.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1914	\$974.79
Deposits during the month	40.06
	1014.85
Withdrawn during the month	95.48
Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1914	\$919.37

### October Meteorology

Maximum temperature, 77° on the 3rd.

Minimum temperature, 25° on the 25th.

Mean temperature for the month, 54.5°.

Total precipitation, 1.63 inches.

Greatest precipitation in twenty-four hours, 75 inches on the 17th.

4 days with .01 or more inches precipitation.

4 clear days, 23 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy days.

Total number of hours sunshine, 169 and 10 minutes.

First killing frost on the 25th.

### An Interesting Time with Mr. Forbush

On Thursday evening after Mr. Forbush had given his illustrated lecture, Mr. Rawding, the watchman, asked five fellows and me, if we would like to take a walk with Mr. Forbush, and see if we could get some rats. After we were ready we went to the barn, took the dog, and started down to the storage barn. We did not get any there but the dog dug out two by the west side tide gate, and two got away. We then started to go to the South End, but as there were not very many over there, we returned and went to bed having enjoyed the evening very much.

ELWIN C. BEMIS.

### Cutting Corn

One day Mr. Shaw told me to get two corn knives, go into the corn field and begin to cut corn. I had been cutting corn for twenty minutes when William Grant drove up with the wagon. Between us we cut all the corn before 10 A. M. We then loaded the corn on the wagon. When it was loaded on we went down to the scales and found how much it weighed. We had that done and then drove up to the barn with the load.

THEODORE J. GOULD.

### A Lecture on Apple Trees

Monday afternoon, October 12, Mr. Shaw, the farm instructor, gave a lecture to the first class on apple trees. The first apple of which he spoke was the Northern Spy. There are many trees of this variety here. In some places they are so loaded with apples that the branches have to be propped up. They are propped by a board and a sack so as not to scrape off the bark.

The other apple trees were Rhode Island Greenings, Baldwin, Tolman Sweets, King, Pewaakee, Sweet Bow and the Hubbardscn. He showed us how he had grafted a tree. He took his knife and made a slit in the bark; then he got limbs of the same variety and put a level on them so they would lay flat. He fitted them underneath the bark and put grafting-wax on them. This was done because the tree had been injured and these new limbs will carry the sap past this poor place and the tree will be all right.

FORREST L. CHURCHILL.

### Driving Out Rats

One afternoon when I came from the dining-room Mr. Beebe told me to give a fellow a lift on a bucket of chloride of lime. When I got there he told me to look for rat holes. I saw one and he put some lime in it. When the rat comes out he burns his feet on the lime and goes to build another nest some where else. I saw another rat hole and locked in to see if it was used and I saw a rat. I put a stick in and hit the rat and he ran up the hill. So I went up and reported to Mr. Beebe.

CLARENCE ADAMS.

### Milk Carriers' Work

The duties of the fellow who carries milk are not exactly easy. He gets up at five o'clock in the morning and gets the strainers for the six milkers from the kitchen. He then goes with them to the barn. He gets the milk chart and scales ready, and then sees that the towel is up, hoes down the manure, sweeps the mangers, fills the grain basket, feeds the two calves, and gets the corn fodder ready to feed the cows. When the milk is ready, he carries it up to the kitchen, two cans at a time. After the cows are fed he sprinkles and sweeps the floor. Some of the milkers help after they are through milking. At five at night he does the same.

CHARLES O. ROLFE.

### Blanching Celery

One day I had to blanch celery. I took my hoe in one hand and held the branches off the ground with the other while I hoed dirt around the bottoms on both sides. This is done with a hoe first so when the plough is used to bank it up that it will not cover all the leaves up. The reason for banking in this way is to whiten and form the celery in bunches.

WILLIAM J. GRANT.

### Learning the Type-case

When I came down from school one morning, Mr. Beebe said that I was to go to the printing-office at one o'clock. When it was time for us to go, I went in the shop squad. When I went in the printing-office, the printer told me to fold "Beacons." After I had them all folded, he showed me a case and lettered the different boxes where the type is. After he had them all lettered he told me to learn them, I studied them till five o'clock and then went and washed up for supper. The next afternoon he told me to set up "The cow jumped over the moon" five times. He then asked me if I could set up a Beacon article, and I said "yes." When I had it all done, he told me to watch another fellow wash the press. I also learned how to take a proof.

ROBERT H. PETERSON.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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RICHARD BELL, '73, gave his daughter Mabel Frances in marriage, October twenty-first, to Mr. Frederick Greydon Libbey. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell, 53 Richfield Street, Dorchester. Merton P. Ellis, '99, was one of the ushers.

GEORGE E. BRIDGHAM, '85, became the proud father of a son October second.

JOHN O. ENRIGHT, '12, on leaving the School went to work for the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in their machine shop where

he has been until recently when he joined the U. S. Navy. He is at present on the "Chester" at the Boston Navy Yard.

STANLEY WESTON CLARK, '14, in some unknown way was hit, by a counter weight of the elevator at his place of employment, in the back of the head which resulted in paralysis and death October 10th. The funeral was held at 26 Washburn St., Dorchester, October 13th. The School was represented by his Classmates and the pupils contributed flowers.

### Polishing Sloyd Models

In our sloyd work we have many different ways to polish models. One way which is very good to get a bright polish is to shellac the model and leave it to dry. The next day sandpaper it lightly and then give it another coat of shellac. The next day give the model the same treatment. When it is dry, take a piece of waste put some shellac on it and then put a piece of cloth over it. Take some linseed oil on your finger and putting just a little in a few places rub it with the waste and cloth. This will give a good polish. Another way for a dull polish is to take some floor-wax and rub it on the model giving it a smooth coat. Then take a small soft brush and brush it and it will give a dull polish. Another way we do is to varnish the model two or three times. We also sometimes stain some of our models with mahogany stain or some other kind, and then shellac them. This is a very good method.

HOWARD F. LOCHRIE.

### An Entertainment

One Saturday Mr. Bradley asked the fellows to get up an entertainment for the afternoon. One of the fellows got some of the others to join in. One fellow introduced the others. Two fellows sang and told jokes. An orchestra played some selections. Some stories were told. One of the fellows swung the Indian Clubs and swung them well too. After this we had a dance. We had cocoanuts for refreshments. We enjoyed the entertainment very much.

FLOYD A. WARREN.

### Work in the Sewing-room

One morning Mr. Beebe told one of the boys to take me to the sewing-room. We first went to the west basement and took the lantern globes out of the lanterns and washed them. Then I went to the sewing-room, sorted and folded towels. The sewing-room instructor taught me to darn stockings. The bell rang and I came out and washed up for dinner.

CHARLES F. WEYMOUTH.



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## COTTAGE ROW GOVERNMENT

By His Honor

BENJAMIN L. MURPHY  
MAYOR

## A PROCLAMATION FOR A DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

It is the custom of our Cottage Row Government to set apart a day of each year to be observed by the citizens in thanking God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us.

On that day all should join in praising God for the blessings and conditions that surround us here at the School: the good the Managers have done and always strive to do for us; for the good health which we have; also for the abundance of products from the harvest field, and the good that our citizens receive from Cottage Row Government, and to strive to do the best we can.

Therefore I, Benjamin L. Murphy, Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, set apart Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of November, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to the Almighty for the blessings that he bestows upon us.

Given at The Farm and Trades School this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, the one hundredth year of the School and the twenty-sixth year of Cottage Row Government.

BENJAMIN L. MURPHY.

By his Honor, the Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen.

ERNEST E. SLOCOMB,  
CLERK.

God save the Government of Cottage Row.

## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day dawned clear and warm. The bugle blew at quarter of six and everyone jumped out of bed ready for the fun which was to come. We had breakfast and then the necessary work was done. About nine o'clock a game of foot-ball between the smaller boys was played. The teams were named Harvard and Yale. Harvard won with a score of twenty-two to twenty. Then came dinner. What a dinner it was!

### ROAST TURKEY

Dressing

Gravy

Turnip Cranberry Sauce

Sweet Potatoes

Celery Nuts Raisins

Apples Figs

After dinner the boys played until the second game. This was between two other teams named Harvard and Yale. These teams were made up of the best players in the school. Yale won with a score of thirty-six to twelve. After supper Mr. Bradley showed us some stereopticon pictures on the war. We went to bed tired but happy.

TRUMAN G. CANNON.

## Foot-ball on Thanksgiving Day

Quite a while before Thanksgiving we voted for captains to manage several foot-ball teams and they chose other fellows to play in two games on that day. We practiced from then until Thanksgiving Day. At nine o'clock that morning the fellows that were to play in the morning game got ready, and at half past nine the game started. Our side represented

Harvard and the other side was called Yale. Yale kicked off to Harvard first. The score ended twenty-two to twenty in Harvard's favor.

After our Thanksgiving dinner we played around for some time and then the fellows who were to play in the afternoon got ready. I happened to be on Yale's side in the afternoon. The afternoon game is considered the big game for some of our largest and best players are in it. The game started at three o'clock. Harvard kicked off to Yale first. The score ended thirty-six to twelve in Yale's favor.

The players on the winning team received fifty cents and the captain one dollar. I was on the winning team in the morning and in the afternoon so I received one dollar.

WILLIAM B. CROSS.

## Some Things We Are Thankful For

### First Class

I am thankful for a good place to sleep and the fresh air here, also for the wholesome food and exercise and the good friends and relatives. I am thankful for the good health and strength I have and the pleasant island where everything is quiet so that I can get a good night's rest after a day's work.

I am interested and thankful for the training in sloyd and the various other branches of work in which I am instructed. I am also thankful that the Island is open and not closed like the city streets. Also for the good, honest, and clean companions with whom I associate every day.

JOHN A. ROBERTSON.

I am thankful for the opportunities I have at this school. I am glad that I work on the farm and have an opportunity to learn how to run the different farm implements. I am thankful that I have finished sloyd, that I am a citizen of Cottage Row and have a chance to learn how to become a good citizen.

I am thankful for what the school has done for me. I am thankful for a good mother.

I am also thankful that I can enjoy the games that we play here.

I am thankful that I live in a country that is not at war as other countries are. I am thankful for a day of thanksgiving and praise

WILLIAM J. GRANT.

I am thankful that I am living in such a wondrous age, when the power of steam and electricity are put to so many uses. I am thankful that I have had a chance to study and learn about these powers while at the school. I am thankful for the machines we have here which we may learn about.

HAROLD L. CARLTON

It is not a light task to think of all the things for which one might be thankful, but of all things I am thankful for life and good health, for a dear mother, and the affection of my friends. I am thankful for the tender love of God, who has been so good and kind to others and me in the past, and who I know will give me help and strength to do the best I can in the future.

CLIFFORD H. TAYLOR.

First of all I am thankful for all of my friends and the good I have received from them, also for the thought of a Thanksgiving which meant so much to our forefathers, and for the good which I have received from this school.

RAYMOND H. BATCHELDER.

This is the time of the year that everybody has something to be thankful for. At this school it is the custom that every pupil write an article about the things he is thankful for. I am thankful for the health of my mother, sisters, and relatives, also for the health of my schoolmates, and for the advantages of education and the practical working out of problems here. I am grateful for the health of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and hope their health will continue with their good work. I am thankful for the opportunity that the members of the band have to learn music.

CHARLES O. ROLFE.

I am thankful that I have a good mother and a good home to live in. I am thankful for the pleasures of my daily life and my good health. I am also thankful for the opportunity to learn a trade and so many different things.

DONALD M. WILDE.

I am thankful that I have a dear kind Grandmother. I am thankful that I have a friend that is very kind to me. I am thankful that I have two brothers to love. I am thankful that the Superintendent, Mr. Bradley, and the instructors are kind to me.

THEODORE J. GOULD.

I am thankful that I am well and strong and that my surroundings here at the school are pleasant to me.

I am thankful that my grandmother is well and strong. I am thankful I am in the first class, and I try to do the best I can.

I am thankful that I am away from the city and that I can breathe pure fresh air and that I can have wholesome things to eat.

I appreciate what Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and the managers do for us, and I think that every fellow ought to be thankful that he is a "Farm School" fellow.

BENJAMIN L. MURPHY.

## Second Class

I am thankful that I have a good mother and so many friends. I am thankful that I am at a school where I can learn to be a man and also learn a trade to support myself. I am thankful that we have a good Superintendent and wise managers.

GORDON F. SUDSBURY.

I am thankful for so many things that I cannot write them all on this paper. I will write some of the things that I am most thankful for. I am thankful, first of all, that I have a good mother and that she is alive. I am thankful that I have a good place to stay and that I am learning to be a good man. I am also thankful for the privileges that the school gives me. I am thankful that we have a good President and that we are not at war as most of Europe is.

GEORGE W. CASEY.

I am very thankful that we have a good Cottage Row Government, a fine school, and nice instructors. We have many privileges that the boys over to the city never have.

We are all thankful that the Puritans had a good harvest so that they said: "Let us set apart a day of thanksgiving for good luck in growing our crops." They set apart the day that is still kept.

RALPH H. BENWAY.

I am thankful for a day of thanksgiving set apart for us to enjoy. I am thankful for true friends, and that I have the privilege of playing foot-ball, base-ball, and other games which are provided for us. I am glad to have the opportunity of playing in the Thanksgiving foot-ball game. I am thankful that I have an opportunity of learning to work skilfully in this school, which helps me to start a true and manly life, knowing how to do the work which is set forth for me to do.

ANTONIO V. MACIEL.

The first thing I am thankful for is that I am well and happy. I think we are all glad that our nation is not at war at this time. I am thankful for what this school has done for me and for what the instructors have taught me. I am thankful that I have good friends to associate with.

ELDRED W. ALLEN.

I am thankful because we have such good opportunities to learn and for the exercise we have both indoors and out, and for the good influence exercised by the teachers. I am thankful that we have the many privileges given us and for the good which the religious services do. I am thankful because while we are in school we are kept from the many temptations that are found in the city.

ERNEST CRAIG.

I, Stephen R. Moses, am thankful for life, for my good health, my mother, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends; for the chance of getting into this school; for the friendship of instructors and many privileges; and for this year's abundant harvest, and for our Father in heaven, in whom we all believe.

STEPHEN R. MOSES.

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The bleak chilliness of November comes to us with every autumn, but with its touch of pathos comes a thoughtfulness as we gather about our hearthside, and a feeling creeps into

our hearts that prepares us for the spiritual quickening of Thanksgiving Day. It is a time pregnant with memories of years past, of former gladsome gatherings and of the experiences of the fast fleeting year. Perhaps it brings a realization of comfort, of pride in the bounteous harvest which is the fruit of the summer's toil and sunshine; a mutual "home" feeling for our comrades in School who at work or at play grow dear by association; or joy in the power to do the little things that help to bring others happiness, and a real delight in knowing there is an opportunity for us to grow.

We are glad for the cheering outlook before us. And as we gather about our well-laden tables we are not without a thought for those who are in want—the unemployed of our great country and the thousands of people who are suffering because of the great war abroad.

"We are overwhelmed," as one boy says, "with the impossibility of expression." There are big things we are thankful for and little personal gratitudes. We are glad our President wants peace and proclaims prosperity; we are glad for the breadth of human sympathy that makes our Island home possible, and for what it brings to us.

Each individual feels his gratefulness for various things, and expresses them in his own way; but each does not fail to perceive the added joy in having one day of this year proclaimed as a day of thanksgiving to God.

### Notes

Nov. 3. Gift of magazines from Mrs. Thomas Cameron.

Varnished outside of cabin and pilot house on steamer Pilgrim.

Nov. 4. Finished harvesting 23.7 tons of mangel-wurzels.

Manager Richard M. Saltonstall and Prof. C. S. Sargent here.

Nov. 5. Finished cutting and setting up corn.

Relaid two sections of flooring in Gardner Hall.

Nov. 6. Theodore Milne, '14, left school to attend High school in Medford.

Cut down lone oak, and started filling in marsh beyond root cellar with gravel from oak knoll.

Nov. 7. Finished harvesting garden beets.

Nov. 8. Capt. K. W. Perry spoke to the boys in Chapel.

Nov. 9. Finished painting top of break-water.

Nov. 10. Mr. A. H. Jenkins, former instructor, and Mrs. Jenkins spent the forenoon with us.

Nov. 11. Moving pictures in the evening.

Stopping up and marking rat holes, in preparation for using carbon disulphide gas later.

Nov. 12. Steamer Pilgrim on the blocks, having hull painted and winter sheathing put on.

Nov. 14. Covered three poultry houses with prepared roofing material.

Gift of candy from Mr. Carroll J. Darling.

Nov. 15. Dr. George E. Horr gave an interesting account of his experiences abroad while a delegate to the National Peace Convention.

Capt. K. W. Perry gave an interesting talk to the boys in the evening.

Nov. 18. Mr. H. Addington Bruce inspected the school.

Nov. 20. Finished harvesting 160 bushels of carrots.

Nov. 21. Gift of pictures from Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby.

Nov. 24. Cyril S. Ames returned to his father.

Dr. Edward H. Forbush here investigating the rat question.

Began using carbon disulphide gas in rat holes to exterminate the rats.

Gift of raisins, nuts and figs from Mr. Wm. M. Flanders for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 25. Made and hung a rolling door for cow-shed at Stock Barn.

Nov. 26. Thanksgiving Day.

Manager I. Tucker Burr visited the school. Stereopticon pictures in the evening; war and European views.

Foot-ball games morning and afternoon.

Nov. 27. Harvested half the crop of parsnips amounting to 22 bushels.

Nov. 28. Painted derrick on wharf.

Charles R. Jefferson, '14, here.

Vice-President Charles P. Curtis and Mr. William C. Endicott passed the afternoon here.

Last foot-ball game of the season. Crosby Shield won by Team D; Forrest L. Churchill, Captain.

Nov. 30. Continuing fall plowing.

Mr. A. L. Curado, basket willow specialist, here.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1914	\$919.37
Deposits during the month	64.49
	983.86
Withdrawn during the month	30.09
Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1914	\$953.77

### November Meteorology

- Maximum temperature, 62° on the 4th.
- Minimum temperature, 19° on the 24th.
- Mean temperature for the month, 40.7°.
- Total precipitation, 2.92 inches.
- Greatest precipitation in twenty-four hours, 1.00 inch on the 20th.
- 8 days with .01 or more inches precipitation.
- 5 clear days, 18 partly cloudy, 7 cloudy days.
- Total number of hours sunshine, 132 and 50 minutes.
- Wind attained a velocity of 42 miles per hour on the 20th.

**Some Things We Are Thankful For***(Continued from Page 3)***Third Class**

I am really thankful for so many things that I do not think I could write them in the whole Beacon. But here are a few of them. I am thankful most of all that my friends are well, and that I myself am in good health. I am thankful that I go to this school where so much is taught that will be of benefit to me in later years. I am thankful that we have many privileges regulated by a good fair conduct system. I am especially thankful that we have a kind Superintendent, and good managers who give us many things for our benefit. These are a very few of the many things for which I am thankful.

WILLIAM B. CROSS.

I am thankful that I am in this school. I am thankful I have a good father and good friends. I am thankful that I am living here and not in the countries that are having war. I am thankful that Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are in good health.

LESLIE E. RUSSELL.

I am thankful for the pleasures and good times I have here, and for so many good fellows I have to play with. I am thankful that I have an aunt and sister, and that they are well. I am thankful for the things I am learning and look forward to learn. I am thankful I have a brother here, and that he is well and happy. I am also thankful that I have a place to stay in winter when it is cold, and that I do not have to wander around streets in the city like some poor children.

DOUGLAS A. HUNT.

I am thankful that I have a good warm home all the time. I have had a nice time all summer, for which I am very grateful. I have been given very nice things all along, and have had lots of good things to eat, for which I am very thankful.

I am very glad and thankful for all the good clothes and pleasures that I have had, and that my parents have given me. I have had very good

health and have had only two diseases in my life. I am thankful for good food, for all the opportunities I have had, and am glad I came to Thompson's Island.

WESLEY C. ANGELL.

**Fourth Class**

I am thankful I have a mother and that I have food, shelter, shoes, and that I am well. I am glad that we have a gymnasium and other things at this school, that I have friends and a good place to live in. I am thankful for a beautiful world, and that there are birds and other animals to eat poisonous insects. I am thankful that I am learning many kinds of work at this school.

DONALD E. BOURBEAU.

I am thankful for the food I have, for the clothing I wear, for the life God gave me, for the senses, strength, and pleasures I have, for the schooling I am getting, the money I save, and the books I read, for the mother, father, sisters, and friends I have.

CHARLES F. WEYMOUTH.

I am thankful I have a father and mother and thankful to live in such a good school where I may prepare myself for the world. I am glad to have such a good Superintendent as Mr. Bradley. I am thankful for the good teacher I have who can tell me things I wish to know. I am thankful for the health of the managers who have been so good to us.

I am thankful for the good health of my family. I am thankful for the good dinner we have on Thanksgiving. I am thankful for the warm clothes I have in winter.

JACKSON C. NIELSEN.

I am thankful for the food that I get, for my mother and father and other relations. I am thankful for the warm clothes we have to wear and the good school, the teachers, and the other instructors. I am glad that I have a chance to see the ocean and its wonderful things. I am thankful that we have time to sleep.

LEROY A. PARSONS.

I am thankful that I am living and having a good time. I am thankful that I have a good mother. I am thankful that I can go to school and learn about the world. I am thankful that I have a place to sleep. There are also many other things for which I am thankful.

DUDLEY B. BREED.

The first thing that I am thankful for is the way God has taken care of my mother. I am also thankful for the pure food I get and a place to sleep. I am thankful for the clothes which I wear. I am thankful for the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and the help of the instructors. I am thankful for the happy times we have very often, and for the education and training I am getting at this school. I am thankful that my mother, sisters, uncles, aunts, and friends are in good health.

HENRY W. PROVOST.

### Dr. Horr's Talk

On Sunday, November 15, Dr. Horr of the Newton Theological Institution gave us a very interesting talk on the beginning of the European war. He said that a few days after he arrived in Europe he heard much talk on the war. After Dr. Horr had visited some of the beautiful places in Paris he thought that he would visit Germany.

There was much excitement about war in Germany, and the German soldiers were posted at every station. Everybody in each train were interviewed to see if they were spies. If any were found they were shot. After an exciting trip he returned to France and obtained tickets for passage to America.

Dr. Horr went to see the American Consul in Paris. The Consul had applications from over a thousand teachers who were there on vacations and could not get back to America. Dr. Horr told the Consul he would help them. He did help very many teachers by getting them passages.

Dr. Horr waited in Paris until the day came for sailing. While there he saw many

French and English soldiers. He said when the French saw the English soldiers coming they ran to meet them, and kissed them first on one cheek and then on the other.

Sunday, on the way back to America, Dr. Horr preached to the people on the ship. He said that he never spoke to people that so responded to his words. After they came in sight of New York they saw a battle-ship; their hearts were in their throats, but they were relieved to find it was a ship flying the Union Jack. After they had passed the Statue of Liberty, one of the men said; "If that lady wants to see me again she will have to turn around."

We enjoyed Dr. Horr's talk very much.

ANTONIO V. MACIEL.

### The Observatory Staff

Each month there are a set of fellows chosen for the staff on the weather bureau. There are five fellows besides the Chief and Deputy. First is the Sunshine Recorder. He takes a record of the number of hours the sun shines each day. The next fellow looks after the Barometer. This instrument registers the pressure of the air. Another fellow records the Thermometer readings; these tell the highest and lowest temperature of each day. Then there is the fellow who is on the Anemometer and Weather Vane; the first of these two gives the velocity of the wind each hour, and the whole number of miles during the day and night, and the Weather Vane tells the direction of the wind. Another fellow takes readings of the Rain Gauge and Polymeter. The Rain Gauge is for measuring the number of inches of rain-fall each twenty-four hours. The Polymeter gives the relative humidity and dew point. The readings of these instruments are taken every night and morning. The whole staff goes over each night and the chief goes over each morning and reads the instruments and indicates the weather for the day by flags hoisted on the flag staff. The deputy takes the place of the chief when he is away.

DONALD M. WILDE.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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WILLIAM D. HART, '97, machinist, died at East Boston, November 30, 1914, of Bright's disease.

MATTHEW H. PAUL, '06, was married September 14, 1912. Both Paul and his wife are engaged in posing for Art Schools, painters, and illustrators in and around Boston, particularly at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, School of Fine Arts Crafts and Decorative Designing, and the Fenway School of Illustration. They find this

a fairly profitable employment while Matthew is studying business law and both are taking Spanish. They live at 37 Falmouth Street, Boston.

WILLIAM B. LAING, '12, writes from Los Angeles, Cal., where he has gone for the special purpose of cultivating his voice. His father was a good singer and William says his friends think he has good possibilities. He is amid beautiful surroundings as shown by the photographs which he sends us and is happy, although he says the mosquitoes trouble him some.

### Sunday Services

Each Sunday, from September until June, we go to Sunday School at ten in the morning. Church is at three o'clock in the afternoon and chapel at seven in the evening. A minister comes to the Island every Saturday night and stays until Monday morning. In Sunday School we sing from the hymn books and read responsively from the Bible. We also repeat the books of the New and Old Testament and the Beatitudes. We have learned the ten commandments.

In the afternoon we sing from the hymn books and the minister preaches and talks to us. For the afternoon service we put on our cadet suits. The evening service is devoted to singing, reading from the Bible, short remarks, prayer. After the service is over, Mr. Bradley talks to us. He announces the things we are going to have during the week, such as moving pictures, stereopticon views, lectures, entertain-

ments, etc., or the going to a base-ball or football game. If any of Mr. Bradley's friends are visiting here they usually give a short talk.

We like to hear such men as Dr. Horr of Newton Theological Institution, Capt. Perry of the U. S. Life Saving Service, and Dr. Forbush, the State Ornithologist. We also have a chance to hear well known ministers speak who come here for Sunday. Sometimes we go to church in town.

ARTHUR B. GILBERT.

### Our Flag

In the school room for the second class we have a silk flag. It is forty-five inches long and thirty-two inches wide; the base of the stand is in the shape of a maltese cross. On it is: "Stand by the Flag." The flag is fastened to the staff by red ribbons. The top of the staff is shaped like a spear and is gilded. I think it is a very pretty flag.

GEORGE W. CASEY.



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## The Christmas Concert

On Sunday evening, December twenty-first, our Christmas concert was held in Assembly-hall. The stage and the hall proper had been tastily decorated for the occasion with vari-colored paper, mistletoe, holly and evergreen, which made a fine setting for the concert. The programme, which was greatly enjoyed by all, was as follows:

Prayer

Mr. Pixley

Responsive Reading

Leader, Carlquist W. Walbourn

Song - - The Name of Jesus  
Choir

Recitation - - A Star! A Song! A Child!  
Donald M. Wilde

Song The Starlight Still Gleams O'er Us  
Choir

Exercise - - - The Evergreen  
Six Boys

Song - - Bells of Christmas  
Choir

Recitation - - - The Best Tree  
Howard F. Lochrie

Exercise - - Borrowed Presents  
Eight Boys

Song - - Hail, Thee, Royal Redeemer  
Choir

Recitation - - - I'm So Glad  
Herbert L. Dudley

Song - - - Blessed Morn  
Choir

Exercise - - - Cities of the Bible  
Seven Boys

Song	-	-	Jesus the Saviour Choir
Recitation	-	-	A Christmas Carol George W. N. Starrett
Song	-	-	Bethlehem's Lullaby Choir
Recitation	-	-	Jesus the Royal Stranger Floyd A. Warren
Song	-	-	The Day-star Choir
Remarks			Mr. Bradley

LLEWELYN H. LEWIS.

## Christmas Caroling

The night before Christmas the waits in England make it a practice of stopping under the windows and singing their carols. They often obtain much clothing, food and money in this way. This year ten of us fellows learned four carols to sing on Christmas eve. We went into the court at half-past seven and sang. Money was thrown from the windows, which we secured. We sang in different places, and received a reward in every place. Mr. Bradley then invited us into his apartments, and we spent a very pleasant evening. Mr. Bradley played the piano for us and Mrs. Bradley served the refreshments.

CARL D. P. HYNES.

## Christmas Day

Christmas Day at our school is enjoyed more than any other holiday. After breakfast we did all of the necessary work and then went and played until about nine o'clock, when the fellows got ready to meet Mr. Adams and Dr. Bancroft. The fellows who played the drums

and a few who played the cornets took their instruments to the wharf and waited for the steamer to arrive. The rest of the fellows hid in different places along the route. When the steamer landed, the fellows shouted, "A Merry Christmas!" Mr. Adams took the cymbals and Dr. Bancroft the bass drum. Then we started for the house. We marched around the house a couple of times. After that we got ready for the Christmas tree in Assembly-hall, which we all enjoyed. After the presents were distributed we went down and got ready for dinner. After dinner the fellows showed each other what they received. At three o'clock we had an entertainment, provided for by Mr. Adams. The entertainment was given by Herbert A. Clark and Company. The programme was as follows:

Piano Solo	Signor Pietro Mordelia
Character Songs and Impersonations	Herbert A. Clark
Chalk-talk	Clarence C. Bartlett
Rube Monologue	Ernest Wright
Pianologue	Edward P. Gaffney
A Little Fun	Herbert A. Clark
One-man Orchestra	Signor Mordelia
German Monologue	Ernest Wright
Musical Sketch	Bartlett & Gaffney

We all enjoyed the entertainment, and wish to thank Mr. Adams and Dr. Bancroft for helping to make the day so pleasant for us.

ERNEST E. SLOCOMB.

### The Christmas Decorations

The Christmas decorations in the chapel were very pretty. The stage was arranged to represent a room. There was a fire-place in the center of the back, with a doll, representing

a child, sitting beside it. The back wall was adorned with red, green and gold paper. There were Christmas trees on the right and left wings of the stage. Evergreen was put on the pictures and in corners of the room. Bunches of holly were hung in the windows, and a wreath of it around the clock. Hung in a conspicuous place was a large bunch of mistletoe, and bunches of English box leaves were placed on the wall.

CHARLES R. JEFFERSON.

### A Picture

There is a picture of the "Parthenon" in the first school-room. It shows the ruins with most of the pillars standing. The original Parthenon was built of Pentelic marble. It stands on a base approached by three steps, each one foot nine inches high, two feet and about four inches wide. Its breadth on the upper step is one hundred feet; its length is two hundred twenty-eight feet; the height of the top of the pediment from the upper step of the stylobate is fifty-four feet; and with the stylobate sixty-four feet. The temple is Doric, with fifteen columns on each side. The body of the temple is one hundred ninety-three feet long, and its breadth seventy-one feet. Besides the internal decorations, the outside of the temple was ornamented with three classes of sculpture.

GEORGE W. N. STARRETT.

### Ploughing

Lately there has been a great deal of ploughing done here, and I had to do a part of it. In the morning at seven o'clock I hitched up my horses and brought them in at eleven. When ploughing in the corn-field, there are usually a few large stones, and unless the one who is ploughing is quick enough, and is keeping his handle to the land, the plough will run out of furrow. When the end of the furrow is reached, the horses will turn without being spoken to. The ploughman has only to push back a brace on the bottom of the plough with his foot, and the mole-board will swing under the plough on a steel rod and come up on the other side, ready to start back. EVERETT W. MAYNARD.

## Lecture on Big Game

On Thursday evening, December fourth, Mr. Gorham Brooks, one of the managers of the School, gave us a talk on "Hunting Big Game." The lecture was accompanied with pictures of the animals hunted in British East Africa, Mr. Brooks having brought many slides along with him for the occasion. Mr. Brooks and his party started from New York. After landing in Africa, they engaged some of the natives to act as their guides and gun-bearers. They took a train for a city near the jungle in which they were to hunt. They soon started on their expedition. They met many herds of antelope, also lions, llamas, giraffes, zebras, elephants, hyenas and tigers. Pictures of all of these were thrown on the screen. A large number of animals were shown to have been shot by the party, among them elephants, lions and a rhinoceros. We all liked the lecture very much.

HOWARD F. LOCHRIE.

## The Boy Scouts

On Wednesday evening, December tenth, Rev. H. B. Thompson, D. D., assisted by Dr. S. L. Ginsburg, gave a very interesting lecture on "The Boy Scouts," illustrated by moving pictures. The pictures began with some of the Scouts doing stunts with ropes, such as tying knots, etc. They were also building houses out of limbs of trees and grass. We saw them rescuing some drowning boys. Another interesting part was where several Boy Scouts, representing a certain troop, were congratulated by President Wilson. The pictures ended where Mr. Temple, one-time enemy of the Boy Scout movement, but who had been converted to their cause, presented the Boy Scouts a club house near a lake and his home on Long Island. It was all very interesting.

KENNETH C. GRISWOLD.

## Making Christmas Gifts

A few weeks before Christmas any of the fellows who want to may make gifts for their friends or relatives. Whenever one wants to

make anything, he writes out a requisition for the wood. Then he may work in the shop any noon hour or Saturday afternoon, providing he is in the right grade. Some of the most common things the fellows make are glove-boxes, handkerchief-boxes, fruit-trays, pen-trays, and paper-knives.

WILLIAM HILL.

## Making Gingerbread

Every Tuesday and Saturday the fellows have gingerbread for supper, and it is my duty to make it. The way I do this is to get six quarts of buttermilk and three quarts of molasses. I leave a little milk in the measure, in which one half cup of salt and two-thirds cup of soda are dissolved. After this is thoroughly stirred I put in the flour and ginger and mix it. After it is all mixed I grease seventeen cake tins, into which the batter is distributed. These are then allowed to bake for about an hour.

FREDERICK E. VAN VALKENBURG.

## Our Vacation

We all had a very pleasant Christmas vacation. We had from Wednesday, December twenty-fourth, to Monday, January fifth. I worked on the farm some, and played "Boy Scout" with some of the patrol the rest of the time. We were tracking and signaling. Mr. Bradley supplies us with Boy Scout articles. There are two troops, including three patrols, which are the "Wood Pigeon," "Diamond" and the "Eagle." I belong to the latter.

JAMES D. WATT.

## A Piece of Folded Rock

Among the collection of curios in our schoolroom is a piece of folded rock. We studied about folded rocks in our geography lesson. In some places the sea bottom is gradually rising, forming layers of rock. Sometimes these folds crack lengthwise, and an earthquake takes place. Perhaps this rock was broken off from one of these large layers.

DUDLEY B. BREED.

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What more appropriate season for good resolutions than this, the beginning of the New Year!

The old year having gone beyond recalling, except as a matter of history, we now look to the future in anticipation of further life and happiness, a great factor in which, indeed, is the mental attitude of the individual himself.

Our school life during the year nineteen thirteen has been attended with a generous measure of physical, moral and spiritual health, and with due regard to the conservatism which is characteristic of The Farm and Trades School, we still find ourselves in the foreground with progressive methods for educating the youth.

We have had our season of special thankfulness for the temporal blessings of the year; then the season of special rejoicing on the anniversary of the birth of our Saviour; and now it is very proper—indeed, a matter of incumbency—that we resolve or renew our covenant to still improve on our work of the past, to benefit by experience, and to mutually share the benefit of that experience with all those with whom we come in contact, by having a “conscience void of offence toward God and man.” For, along with being one of the greatest educators of mankind, is not Christmas one of the greatest softeners of the human heart! As the poet has written, “The social atmosphere would be a little colder all through the year, if it were not for the glow that is shed over it by Christmas.”

Truly grateful should we who have assumed work in the various departments of the School be for the grand opportunity and duty which is ours to influence for good the youth in our charge; for the well laid system which not only checks error, but commends the right; for the benefit the expression of our experience may be to the boy by way of bridging him over the gulf of adolescence, to the end that he may form the character which will stand the test of time; and for the positive evidence that today, as in the past, our labors are bearing fruit and the boys are developing into young men of whom the School is justly proud.

With these certainties before us, and evidence that the future has in store still greater opportunities, the Beacon goes to press full of hope that the boys by their articles throughout the year will demonstrate the materialization of our best resolve—to go onward, upward.

We wish our readers a Happy New Year, and our students and alumni a large measure of success.

### Notes

Dec. 1. Stratified 400 horse chestnuts and 95 peach pits.

Dec. 2. Six boys went to the dentist.

Dec. 3. Varnished pilot-house on steamer Pilgrim.

Secretary Tucker Daland passed the day here.

Moving picture entertainment in Assembly-hall in the evening.

Dec. 4. William Alcott, '84, spent the night with us.

Shipped load of iron, copper, brass, rags and paper junk.

William Edward Cowley, '13, left the School to live with his mother in Chelsea.

Manager Gorham Brooks gave an illustrated lecture on hunting big game in British East Africa.

Dec. 6. Dance in Assembly-hall.

Dexter LeGrand Noble, '13, left the School to live with his aunt in Brighton.

Dec. 8. Boys put on flannel shirts.

Dec. 9. Banked farm-house.

Dec. 10. Mulched strawberries.

Seven hen turkeys came from Northern New York.

Mr. H. B. Thompson, D. D., assisted by Dr. S. L. Ginsburg, gave an interesting lecture on the Boy Scouts of America, illustrated by moving pictures.

Dec. 11. Six boys went to the dentist.

Dec. 12. Frederick J. Wilson, '09, here.

Alfred C. Malm, '01, and Mrs. Malm passed the night here.

Dec. 13. First skating of the season.

Edward M. Powers, Ex '13, visited the School.

Began shelling corn for feed.

Dec. 14. Dr. George E. Horr, D. D., president of Newton Theological Seminary, spoke to the boys in the chapel.

Dec. 16. Six boys went to the dentist.

Finished putting in sea-weed.

Built winter protection for bees.

Dec. 18. Grading east of power-house.

Painted cow-run at stock-barn.

Howard Albion Delano, '13, left the School to live with his uncle in Ludlow, Vt.

Dec. 19. Cutting dead trees in Lyman Grove.

Dec. 20. Finished Christmas decorations in chapel.

Dec. 21. Christmas concert.

Dec. 22. Dressed hog weighing 355 pounds.

Dec. 25. Christmas Day.

Distribution of presents in Assembly-hall in the morning.

Entertainment given by Herbert A. Clark and Company in the afternoon, provided for by Mr. Arthur Adams.

Moving picture entertainment in the evening.

Gift of fruit from Secretary Tucker Daland.

Usual gift of chocolates from Mr. Richard Bell, '73.

Gift for outdoor gymnastic apparatus from Mrs. Charles E. Mason.

Treasurer Arthur Adams, Dr. W. B. Bancroft and former teacher Miss Fanny L. Walton spent the day with us.

Dec. 26. Sorting potatoes at root-cellars.

Dec. 27. William Barry Deane, Ex '14, here.

Took out stones and dirt and put in coal ashes in basement of stock-barn.

Dance in Assembly-hall in the evening, given by the members of the first class.

Replaced gang-planks at north landing float and at City Point, they having been unshipped in storm and high tide.

Dec. 30. Cutting wood.

John William Greenwood, '13, left the School to live with his mother in Fairhaven, and attend high school.

Dec. 31. Filled wood-cellar with bakery wood.

### December Meteorology

Maximum temperature, 58° on the 7th and 14th.

Minimum temperature, 18° on the 12th and 19th.

Mean temperature for the month, 34.8°.

Total precipitation, 2.21 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .97 inches on the 26th.

5 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 5 clear days, 22 partly cloudy, 4 cloudy days.

Total number of hours sunshine, 117 and 20 minutes.

Thunder-storm on the 8th.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1913	\$947.58
Deposits for the month	73.50
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	\$1,021.08
Withdrawn during the month	76.64
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1914	\$944.44

### Scrubbing a Dormitory

It is the work of the four dormitory fellows to scrub the dormitories. The beds are all moved to one side. Then we get the scrubbing articles, consisting of pad, bucket, brush, cloth, and soap. The water is obtained at a sink near the north dormitory. Half a dormitory is scrubbed at a time. There are two rows of beds in each half, and two fellows take a row of beds. When two strips are scrubbed, the water is changed. While a couple of fellows are drawing water, the other two are arranging the pillows. There are about fifteen strips, and it takes about one and a half hours to scrub the strips. When we have finished scrubbing, the beds are replaced and the scrubbing things put away.

THEODORE MILNE.

### In the Infirmary

One morning recently before breakfast Mr. Beebe told three other fellows and me not to go to breakfast. After breakfast time we went up to the reading-room. Mr. Bradley took us to the infirmary and then we knew that we were going to have our tonsils cut out. While one fellow was taking ether, the others stayed in another room. After two had taken ether, my turn came. After I had taken the ether I went to sleep. When I awoke I thought it was Saturday, but it was only Thursday, the same day. My throat was very sore, and that night I did not sleep at all. As soon as I was well enough, I had some fellows come up to see me. When I first got up, my head would whirl and everything looked blurred. After the nurse had gone away I felt lonely, but I had enough books to read, so I got along quite well.

REGINALD L. HUNT.

### Cutting Out Trees

Most of the work of the farm fellows lately has been cutting out trees in Bowditch Grove and the orchard. One morning a few weeks ago another fellow and I cut out two spruce trees at the lower end of the orchard. The first thing we did was to remove all the sod within a radius of two feet of the trees. We then climbed the trees and put ropes around them as high as we could. The next thing to do was to get out all the loam from around the roots. After this was done we cut all the roots and pulled down the tree. We then cut off the roots and limbs and cut the tree into two lengths.

GEOFFREY E. PLUNKETT.

### The Blacking Box

In our assembly-room there is a boot-blacking box. It is four feet long, one foot wide, and eighteen inches high. There are three places to rest the feet on while shining the shoes. It is kept well supplied with brushes and blacking. There is a place inside the box to keep the brushes and blacking when not in use. The box is scrubbed once a week.

STANLEY W. CLARK.

## The Annual Meeting

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honor to us all, and has caused the bond of fellowship between the Alumni and the School and the esteemed Board of Managers to increase in strength and sincere regard.

Since early in the year a committee of the Board of Managers has worked together with a committee of our association on a plan for the observance next year of the hundredth anniversary of our school. Thus during this year a record of co-operation has been made that was never before equalled.

The annual banquet of the association at the Hotel Westminster last January was the most fraternal and enjoyable ever held. And the comment of Mr. Bowditch, president of the Board of Managers, that the dining-room in which we were meeting ought to have been too small for our gathering, started a train of thought that has been stimulating throughout the year to make the association more effective and larger. Certain it is that during the present year the attendance at all our functions has been larger than ever before.

The annual field day at Thompson's Island on June 17 was notable for the number of graduates and the members of their families who attended. Never was there a more sociable gathering of members, and never before did the members respond so generously to the gift for the School. The amount given is still small, but it is the largest yet to our credit.

Of individual accomplishment much could be recorded. It has been a good year for our members. Some have achieved a certain degree of greatness, and others have had it thrust upon them.

When the state convention of firemen met in Fall River this fall it was presided over by its president, Henry A. Fox, '79, district chief of the Boston Fire Department. And a few weeks later he was one of the delegates from the Boston Fire Department officially representing this great city at the national convention on fire prevention in New York.

And in October, when the musicians of Boston laid the corner stone of their handsome new home

on St. Botolph Street, and organized a band of over 300 musicians for the accompanying parade, three graduates of the Farm School Band were in the aggregation, and the chairman of the day was Harold E. Brenton, '90. Since then he has been honored with re-election as president of the Musicians' Protective Association.

At the sixth annual dinner of the Sampson & Murdock Club, composed of the employes of the great directory publishers, the toastmaster was William F. Davis, '79.

Out on the frontier of the great Canadian Northwest, Dana Currier, '01, has been engaged in surveying for a new railroad through that land of promise.

In a more distant place, John W. Robblee, '02, in the Philippines, has held an important position in the automobile transportation service.

In our own city, Harry A. English, '96, who was admitted to the Massachusetts bar a few years ago, has put out his shingle as a practicing attorney.

The Farm School Band continues to hold its representation in America's greatest musical organization, the Boston Symphony Orchestra. David H. Moore, '59, was a member of the first orchestra, and continued there for many years, while the representative this year is LeRoy S. Kenfield, '82.

Tomorrow Capt. James T. McCabe, '75, completes 25 years of active and meritorious service in the Cambridge Fire Department. A Cambridge newspaper man speaks of him as the fire fighter "par excellence."

These are a few of the items which have come under my notice in the past few months. I know they inadequately represent the activities and accomplishments of graduates of The Farm and Trades School during the current year, and one purpose of mentioning them is to make them the basis of an appeal for co-operation.

Early in the year, at the suggestion of the president of the association and Mr. Bradley, the historian undertook to furnish graduate notes for the alumni page of the Beacon, which issues monthly. Once or twice a page has been filled, but on other occasions few items have been furnished. Within a few days I have had a request from Mr. Bradley for a definite committee of several members whose duty it should be to undertake to keep the eighth page of the Beacon filled with alumni news. I respectfully recommend that such a committee be appointed to co-operate with the historian in the matter.

# The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Historian

## Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association at the Parker House in Boston, December tenth, the historian presented the following summary of the year's events:

The year which ends with this meeting tonight, completing the fourteenth of our association and the ninety-ninth in the history of our school, has been in many respects the best year of all for each. For our own association it has been superlative. Our membership is at its highest mark. Our activities have been the greatest and the most effective.

One serious loss, however, is to be recorded in the death on June 4, 1913, of Frederick B. Pullen, a graduate of 1858, a soldier in the war for the Union and who bore to his grave the scar of a wound received in the Port Hudson Campaign in 1864; who served his city in peace as he served his country in war, with fidelity and loyalty, and who made a record of forty-two years as a member of the Cambridge Police Department. Rising through successive appointments from patrolman to chief of police, he reflected honor by his whole life upon our school and our association.

Last March occurred the twenty-fifth anniversary of service at the School of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bradley as superintendent and matron; an event that was recognized both by our association and by the Board of Managers. The Managers, by formal vote and by other substantial means, expressed their sincere appreciation. The members of our association presented a gift for their home sitting-room—an electric lamp with indirect or invisible lighting—symbolic, may we not say, of our desire to lighten their hours and their way. Then together, a committee of the Board of Managers, consisting of the president and treasurer, with a member of our

association, prepared and signed a tribute of appreciation of the faithful and valuable services of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, which appeared in the April number of the Beacon.

These proceedings gave to the newspapers of Boston an opportunity to call public attention to our school, and to speak of it in a way to set forth its true character. Probably the very best things ever written and printed about The Farm and Trades School have appeared during the current year.

The year also marked the first full twelve-month in which a graduate of the School, nominated by the Alumni Association, has served on the Board of Managers. Needless to say that our representative has acquitted himself with

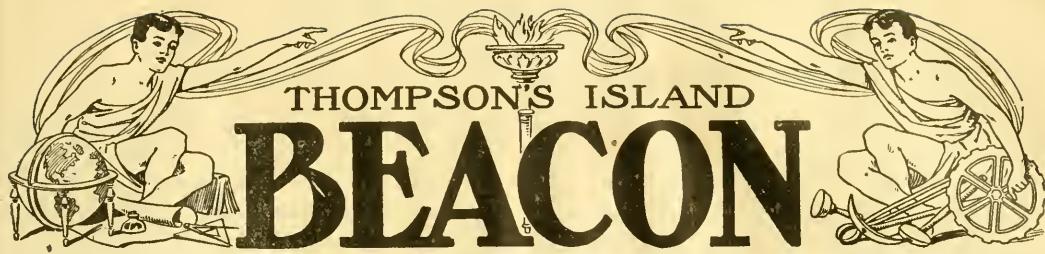
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## Alumni Dinner

The eighth annual dinner of the Alumni Association will be held at Hotel Westminster, Copley Square, Boston, on Wednesday evening, January 14th, at 7 o'clock. The dinner will be preceded by a social at 6.30.

This year marking the centenary of the School; every graduate has been urgently requested to make an extra effort to be present and help the committee to make the dinner an unusual success.

LESLIE R. JONES, '06, who is getting to be a well-known amateur photographer, occasionally has some unique pictures in the newspapers. A recent one was the burning of an automobile on Tremont Street, where Leslie, as usual, happened to be on the spot at the right moment. His room is a veritable art gallery of pictures, from recent date back to his early days in the School with a little Brownie No. 2.



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### Cottage Row Election

The first quarterly election of Cottage Row for the year 1914 was held in the basement on January seventh. The meeting was called to order at 7.15 P. M. The Mayor appointed William Hill, Leslie H. Barker and Charles R. Jefferson as tellers. The Shareholders voted first, voting for candidates for all offices. The Non-shareholders voted next, voting for candidates for all offices except that of Assessor. The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 o'clock, and the Mayor, Clerk and tellers went to the reading-room to count the votes. The following were elected: Mayor, Victor H. Gordon; Shareholding Aldermen, Harold L. Carlton, Chester R. Wood, Walter S. Hall; Non-Shareholding Aldermen, Ernest E. Slocumb, Paul C. A. Swenson; Treasurer, Lester E. Cowden; Assessor, George W. N. Starrett. The Mayor then appointed: Perry Coombs, Chief of Police; Carlquist W. Walbourn, Clerk; Frederick E. VanValkenburg, Janitor; Byrcn E. Collins, Librarian; Llewelyn H. Lewis, Street Commissioner. The Chief of Police appointed the following: Lieutenant, Charles R. Jefferson; Sergeant, Warner E. Spear; Patrolmen, William Hill, William J. Grant, Hubert N. Leach. These officers were later sworn in by Mr. Bradley. CHARLES R. JEFFERSON.

### Sloyd Course

Sixteen boys attend sloyd each morning from 7.00 o'clock until 8.45, and in the afternoon from 1.00 to 2.15 another class attends. When a fellow first gets in sloyd he is shown a special hook on which to hang his coat and cap, and is then assigned to a bench, at which

he is to work. Then he is set to work drawing his first three models, which are the wedge, the planting-pin, and the plant-support. After these are drawn, he fills out a lumber order blank. When the order has been approved by the instructor, the boy selects the wood and makes his first model. The same plan is carried out through the whole course. The sloyd models consist of wedge, planting-pin, plant-support, bread-board, flower-pot stand, coat-hanger, cylinder, file-handle, hammer-handle, butter-paddle, small picture-frame, paper-knife, pen-tray, nail-box, cake-spoon, mallet, diploma-frame, sugar-scoop, book-support, dumb-bell, tray, chest, and an extra model, the sail-boat.

HUBERT N. LEACH.

### A Trip with the Mail-boy

One morning during vacation I was working on the wharf, when the office-boy came down and told Mr. Beebe that Mr. Bradley wanted the mail-boy and another boy to go over to the city to get the mail and do some other errands. Mr. Beebe selected me for the trip. He sent for the mail-boy, who was working in the shop. We washed up, polished our shoes, and put on our uniforms. Then we went to the office and got the mail-bag and the parcels that were to be mailed. We went over to the city on the steamer Pilgrim. We did most of our miscellaneous errands and then went into the post-office and got the mail. After doing the remainder of our errands we took a car for City Point and arrived at the Public Landing at about 1.45, and at 2.00 o'clock boarded the Pilgrim and returned to the Island. I enjoyed the trip very much. WILLIAM E. KENNEDY.

## My Work at the Observatory

Lately I have been acting as chief, and it was my duty to go to the observatory and take the readings. I first take the humidity and dew-point, and then look at the barometer to see whether it is rising or falling, and take the reading. I then go on the roof of the observatory to take the readings of the anemometer and the thermometers. After I have all the readings taken I make out two copies of the record, one for the observatory and one for the office. At about a quarter of eight Capt. Dix telephones over and asks whether the barometer is rising or falling, the direction of the wind, relative humidity, the dew-point, and sometimes the temperature, so he can predict the weather for the day. After that I clean up and return to the house.

WILLIAM J. GRANT.

## Cleaning the Wood-cellar

One day Miss Gilpin told me to clean the wood-cellar. I turned on the lights and swept the chips into a pile and put them in a barrel. I got some of the wood and put it on the kitchen fire. I went down again and got a plank and laid it on the floor. Then I got some wood and began chopping it. I filled two small fish-barrels and a box with the wood that I had chopped. I was filling another box when Miss Gilpin called and told me to help take the waste to the swill-room in the storage-barn.

WESLEY F. ADAMS.

## Shelling Corn

Once a week some members of the farm squad have to go down to the corn-barn and shell corn. They shell it through a machine. One fellow feeds, while the other cranks. The ears of corn are dropped in and the corn comes out separated from the cob. There is a chute protruding out of the machine. The kernels come out at the side into a half-bushel measure, and the cobs come out at the end into a bushel box. After a measure is filled we empty it into a barrel. We usually have to fill two barrels.

DUDLEY B. BREED

## Fixing a Sled

One day while I was coasting, I noticed that the headgear of the sled was broken and I was unable to steer very well on that account. I got permission to go down to the shop to fix it. I got a piece of oak fifteen inches long, three inches wide, and seven-eighths of an inch thick. I planed the broad surface and then gauged the thickness from that. Then I marked out a headgear big enough for the sled. After doing this I took a turning-saw and sawed out the shape, and then took a spoke-shave and rounded the front part of the headgear. I got a three-eighths-inch bit and bored a hole in the center of the headgear. Then I took a quarter-inch bit and bored a hole an inch from the end. Next I bolted it onto the sled with a monkey-wrench. The sled was then ready for use again.

HOWARD F. LOCHRIE.

## The Printing Class

Every Thursday night Mr. Lewis gives a lecture on printing. Each fellow takes notes in a book provided for that purpose. The lecture usually lasts until eight o'clock. One night each fellow was given a little book containing the list of names of the members of the class. The book is three inches long and two inches wide. On the outside in bold letters is the word "Printing." Inside are the names of the fellows of the first, second, third and fourth classes who are in the printing class. We like this idea of printing very much, and hope that the knowledge we gain from it will come in handy some day.

GEORGE B. MCLEOD.

## Making Pen-wipers

It was our work in the sewing-room one day to make pen-wipers. We used three different size cutters with which to cut out the cloth. The office-boy brought us a mallet and a block of wood. Then one fellow cut out a lot of large, medium, and small size pieces of cloth of many different colors. Buttons were sewed on the pen-wipers and they were sent to the office.

CHESTER R. WOOD.

## Conduct Prizes

On Monday evening, January 26th, the Shaw Conduct prizes and the Temple Consolation prizes were given out by Mr. Bradley. These prizes are awarded every six months to the boys who have made the best record for conduct during the period. The following were the winners:

### SHAW PRIZES

Llewelyn Hughes Lewis, first, \$5.00.  
 Thomas Howard Langton, second, \$3.25.  
 Cecil Edward McKeown, third, \$3.00.  
 Charles Robert Jefferson, fourth, \$2.75.  
 George Gustaf Larsson, fifth, \$2.50.  
 Arthur Belden Gilbert, sixth, \$2.25.  
 Hubert Niles Leach, seventh, \$2.00.  
 Donald Marsden Wilde, eighth, \$1.75.  
 William Hill, ninth, \$1.50.  
 Ernest Elton Slocomb, tenth, \$1.00

### TEMPLE CONSOLATION PRIZES

After the Shaw prizes had been distributed, the Temple Consolation prizes, consisting of books, were awarded to the following:

Carl Dewey Phillip Hynes, first.  
 William Joseph Grant, second.  
 William Burton Cross, third.  
 Harold Leon Carlton, fourth.  
 Howard Ferguson Lochrie, fifth.

### HONORABLE MENTION

The following boys received honorable mention:

Floyd Albert Warren.  
 Herbert Lester Dudley.  
 Warner Eugene Spear.  
 Everett William Maynard.  
 Douglas Abbot Haskins.

ROBERT H. PETERSON.

## Cleaning the Instructors' Rooms

It is my work every other afternoon to clean the instructors' rooms. I first clean the rugs and take the furniture, such as tables and chairs, and put them outside the room. Then I sweep and wash the floor. When that is done, I dust and replace the things I took out.

ELWIN C. BEMIS

## A Sleigh-ride

In the afternoon, on January twenty-second, the dining-room and kitchen fellows, with some others, went for a sleigh-ride half way round the Island. We started at about half-past two and went down the Back Road, by the storage-barn, along Beach Road, around the farther side of Lyman Grove to Whale's Back, then back on Beach Road to the house. This ended our sleigh-ride, and we went back to coasting. It was a fine ride and we all enjoyed it.

GEORGE F. KENDALL.

## The Pencil-Boxes

A pencil-box is given to each boy in the School to keep his school things in, such as pen, pen-wiper, and eraser. The first and fourth classes have green ones, and the second and third have red ones. They are eight inches long, two and a half inches wide, and an inch and a quarter high. There are three divisions in the box, one being full length of the box, another six and a half inches long, and the third an inch and a half long. Each box has a lock and key.

WALTER L. COLE.

## School Prizes

On Monday, January 26th, Mr. Bradley came into the school-room while the third class was having a geography lesson, and said that three prizes—first, second, and third—would be given to the boys who made the best effort, presented the best appearance and showed the best school spirit. The boy who tries the hardest gets the first prize, and so on. I think the classes are trying very hard for them.

FREDERICK A. SMITH.

## Cutting Brown-tail Moths

Lately we have been cutting brown-tail moths. One fellow gets up in the tree with a cutter and cuts off the nests. A small fellow stays on the ground and picks them up. One afternoon another fellow and I gathered two hundred and sixty-two nests.

TRUMAN G. CANNON.

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The act of incorporation creating what is now The Farm and Trades School was passed February twenty-fourth, 1914, but the first meeting to elect officers and perfect the organization was held on March twenty-first in 1814,

and this later day has been decided upon as the day on which to have the more formal and public exercises commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the School.

The use of the Old South Church, corner of Boylston and Dartmouth Streets, has been very kindly reserved for this purpose, and most fittingly so, for in the very early history of the School this was one of the churches where the School's anniversary exercises were held. It shared in this way and in rotation with King's Chapel, St. Paul's Church and the Old North Church in contributing its service, which was most helpful, to the School and to the community, for in those early days ours was the only school or place where a boy of unfortunate surroundings of whatever nature could be educated and cared for, and thus the whole community was interested in its welfare, maintenance and advancement.

In the days of the smaller Boston, probably nearly the whole population knew of the School and its work, but with the growth of the city and the advancement in all educational and social methods, attention and interest have been divided, for a great many other schools, societies and organizations have come into existence, which have constantly been relieving the ever pressing demand upon this School, and the work has been divided and sub-divided for greater usefulness and efficiency for all; but still we find that the original purpose of the School has been very closely adhered to and the work is being carried on in general as first introduced, but in harmony with the most advanced ideas in practical education.

So when this public meeting is held on the twenty-first day of March it will be very much in keeping with the early custom of the School, both in programme and in purpose, in bringing

together the people who are interested and who appreciate the long service which the School has rendered to the community, in keeping alive a knowledge of the work it is doing and informing the newer population and creating in it new interests in this venerable institution. It is expected that the observance will be an occasion long to be remembered by graduates and friends generally and all those who may become interested in us at this time.

Early in the summer there will be a Gala-day at the Island, which will include a reunion of graduates and old friends and an opportunity for any and all to see the actual work going on here. Graduates and others interested will be informed as to the details of the celebration by notices sent out from the School, and by the daily papers.

We are extremely gratified with the interest which the Alumni Association and its members are taking in these observances, and we are looking forward to red letter days.

### Notes

Jan. 1. Blacksmith here shoeing horses.  
Jan. 2. Repaired road around Lyman Grove.

Jan. 3. Copper water-heater installed in laundry in place of one of cast-iron.

Jan. 5. Winter term of school began.  
Instructors' first dancing lesson.

Manager Charles T. Gallagher visited the School.

Jan. 6. Finished cutting up wood at storage-barn.

Jan. 7. Began gathering browntail moth nests.

Jan. 8. Dressed hog weighing 280 pounds.

Twin electric-light cable run from stock-barn to telephone-house on wharf.

Admission Committee Meeting. Five boys were admitted: Elmer Wilfred Green,

Henry William Provost, Norman Reul Wyatt, Roy William Bashaw, David Lee Nice.

Jan. 9. Scow-load of spruce and pine lumber came from Freeport Street.

Thomas R. Melville of the Water Department was here and advised about methods to prevent pipes from freezing.

Jan. 10. Repaired picket-fence between road and storage-barn.

Jan. 12. Cutting trees in Lyman Grove.  
Veterinary surgeon, Dr. Delano, here.

Jan. 14. Alumni Dinner at Hotel Westminster.

Former instructor Elwin F. Miller visited the Island.

Dorchester Bay partially frozen over, necessitating ice-cutting with Steamer Pilgrim.

Jan. 15. Frederick J. Barton, '09, passed the day here.

Secretary Tucker Daland and Dr. J. W. Eliot lunched at the School.

Jan. 17. Lorin Lees Babcock entered the School.

Jan. 20. Boys of the first class judging cows.

Jan. 21. First coasting of the season.  
Renewed worn-out planks in floor of stock-barn.

Jan. 22. Everybody on the Island given a sleigh-ride.

Jan. 27. Dressed hog weighing 260 pounds.

Jan. 28. Put a small door in locker at City Point for parcel post delivery.

Jan. 29. Two Japanese silkie cockerels arrived.

Mr. E. H. Forbush, State Ornithologist, visited the Island with the object of studying the rat problem.

First half of a carload of Colorado alfalfa hay arrived

Jan. 31. 15,109 browntail moth nests were gathered during the month.

Earle Clifton Miller, Ex '13, left the School to work in Stoughton, Mass.

## January Meteorology

Maximum temperature, 64° on the 30th.

Minimum temperature, 6° on the 13th.

Mean temperature for the month, 28.9°.

Total precipitation, 3.24 inches.

Greatest precipitation in twenty-four hours, .96 inches on the 31st.

9 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 5 clear days, 20 partly cloudy, 6 cloudy days.

Total number of hours sunshine, 93 and 50 minutes.

The wind attained a velocity of 60 miles per hour on the 12th.

Monthly snow-fall, 9.85 inches.

## The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1914	\$944.44
Deposits for the month	54.98
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Withdrawn during the month	\$999.42
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1914	50.35
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	\$949.07

## Hauling Gravel

One Saturday I was told to take a horse and cart and go over on the East Side and get some gravel. After hitching the horse to a cart I went up stairs in the barn and got a shovel from the tool-room, and then went over to the East Side and loaded the gravel, which was in barrels, into the cart. I brought the barrels back with the gravel and backed the cart under the barn, where the gravel is stored. Then I unloaded the gravel and put the horse back in the stall, and went up to the house.

ERWIN L. COLLIDGE.

## Street Commissioner

On the morning following the election of Cottage Row, which occurred on Wednesday evening, January seventh, the Mayor-elect, Victor H. Gordon, appointed me Street Commissioner. Some of the work which the Street Commissioner has to do is as follows: Empty the waste-barrels, keep the street clear of twigs, keep plenty of gravel in the street, and rake it.

LLEWELYN H. LEWIS.

## The Band-hall

There are thirty fellows in our band. When one wants to practice he goes down to the band-hall. The hall is on the second floor of the power-house. There are a number of chairs arranged in a double semi-circle, with a music-rack in front of each chair. In the middle of the semi-circle of chairs is a little raised platform, with a chair and a music rack on it. This is for the band-leader. The instruments are kept in a cupboard, which occupies a whole side of the band-hall. The cupboard is divided into sections, one section being for the music, the others for the musical instruments, which consist of cornets, trombones, tenors, basses, clarinets, altos, drums, cymbals, etc. At one end of the band-hall is a piano. There are two parts to our band, the old members or the regular band, and the new members or beginners. When an old member goes away, the best player on his instrument takes his place.

WILLIAM B. CROSS.

## The Wringer

The wringer is one of the most useful pieces of machinery in the laundry. The part in which the clothes are put is shaped like a bowl with holes in the sides. The clothes are placed all around the sides, leaving a small space in the middle. Then the power is turned on. The force of the revolving wringer throws the clothes against the sides, and the water is driven out through the small holes. The wringer makes about twelve hundred revolutions a minute.

WILBUR F. BLANCHARD.

## Play Time

Just as soon as I finish my work in the dining-room I go to the gymnasium, where I swing on the rings and do stunts on the parallel bars. After I have had all the fun I want here, I go down to the band-hall and practice on my instrument. When there is good sliding or skating, I ask permission to do whichever of these I wish to. When the bell rings at five o'clock, I go into the dining-room to help get supper on the tables.

ANTONIO V. MACIEL.

**Annual Dinner**

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Mr. Curtis, chairman of the Admission Committee, asked for the co-operation of the alumni in getting hold of the right kind of boy to whom might be given the exceptional advantages which the School offers.

Mr. Adams, the treasurer, said that he looked forward with anticipation to two events in connection with the school interests, one being the Christmas visit with Dr. Bancroft to the School, and the other was the annual dinner.

Mr. Daland heartily endorsed the suggestion of Mr. Curtis regarding co-operation in securing the very best boys for the School.

William Alcott, '84, night city editor of the Boston Globe, spoke in appreciation of the work of the Board of Managers, and of the improvements observed at the School on a recent visit.

Henry A. Fox, '79, district chief of the Boston fire department, spoke of the benefit which his school training has been to him in his present position.

Solomon B. Holman, '50, the oldest alumnus present, and as far as known the oldest living alumnus, said that the principle of honesty, which he remembered as foremost among the teachings at the School in his day, had been the guiding star of his whole life, and he had tried to faithfully follow it.

Frederick J. Barton, '09, of Farmington, Me., was presented as the alumnus who had come the greatest distance in order to attend the reunion. He was given a hearty ovation.

William A. Morse, son of Superintendent Bradley's predecessor in the office of superintendent, spoke reminiscently and interestingly of the old days, and expressed his gratification at the progress of the School.

Alfred C. Malm, '00, spoke with gratitude of the great help the School had been to him and his mother at a critical time in their lives.

Harry A. English, '96, who, with Mr. Malm, have been admitted as members of the

Massachusetts bar, said that in all his work and all his study he had always had as an incentive the thought that the Farm School, its graduates and its officers, were interested in him and his progress.

Merton P. Ellis, '99, Secretary of the Association, was another who received a great ovation when he was presented. He read letters of regret from Messrs. Melvin O. Adams and Charles T. Gallagher of the Board of Managers, and from Harold E. Brenton, '90, and Leroy S. Kenfield, '82, both of whom enclosed checks for the alumni fund. The closing speaker was Mr. E. A. Miller.

Following is the list of those present:

**MANAGERS**

Arthur Adams	Charles P. Curtis
Alfred Bowditch	Tucker Daland
	Henry Jackson

**SCHOOL**

W. B. Bancroft	Charles H. Bradley
	E. L. Miller

**GRADUATES**

George J. Alcott, '80	George M. Holmes, '10
William Alcott, '84	Otis M. Howard, '67
Frederick J. Barton, '09	William N. Hughes, '55
Richard Bell, '73	Alfred W. Jacobs, '10
John E. Bete, '96	Harold Y. Jacobs, '10
Charles A. Blatchford, '04	Leslie R. Jones, '06
Sherman G. Brasher, '77	Joseph H. Kelly, '74
Charles H. Bridgman, '85	Elkanah D. LeBlanc, '97
George E. Bridgman, '85	Preston W. Lewis, '81
George Buchan, '97	Clarence W. Loud, '96
George W. E. Byers, '87	Alfred C. Malm, '01
Edward Capaul, '05	Louis E. Means, '04
William G. Cummings, '98	William P. Morrison, '77
Edward L. Davis, '02	William A. Morse
William F. Davis, '79	Bernard F. Murdock, '11
Augustus N. Doe, '79	Robert McKay, '05
Charles Duncan, '71	George G. Noren, '02
Merton P. Ellis, '99	Walter D. Norwood, '04
Harry A. English, '96	Willard H. Perry, '10
Ernest B. Favier, '77	Frederick W. Piercey, '86
Arthur D. Fearing, '84	Albert A. Probert, '06
Walter B. Foster, '78	Eliot W. Rowell, '12
Henry A. Fox, '79	Charles A. Smith, '69
James H. Graham, '73	Charles F. Spear, '03
Leslie W. Graves, '04	Roy D. Upham, '12
Alden B. Hefler, '87	Bruce L. Valiquet, '80
Solomon B. Holman, '50	Carl L. Wittig, '05

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### Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School was held at Hotel Westminster on the evening of Wednesday, January fourteenth, with an attendance of members and guests numbering sixty-three. The reception preceding the dinner was held in the rooms of the Vermont Association of Boston, on the second floor of the hotel, and afforded a delightful opportunity for renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. A fine spirit of fraternity and good fellowship prevailed. Dinner was served at 7.30. At the head tables were the guests, including Messrs. Alfred Bowditch, Charles P. Curtis, Tucker Daland, Arthur Adams, and Dr. Henry Jackson of the Board of Managers; and Superintendent Charles H. Bradley, Dr. W. B. Bancroft, the school physician, and Mr. E. L. Miller of Waterbury, Conn., former instructor in printing, chose seats with the graduates at the other tables. President Walter E. Foster presided and asked a blessing.

The after-dinner programme included brief remarks by the members of the Board of Managers, the school representatives, and half a dozen graduates. President Foster spoke with much feeling of the tender memories of school days recalled by such a gathering, and urged greater co-operation on the part of the alumni to make the Association of more value to the School.

President Alfred Bowditch, of the Board of Managers, bespoke his pleasure at seeing the increased attendance at the dinner. He told of some of the plans for observing the hundredth anniversary of the School during the current year.

Superintendent Charles H. Bradley brought

an interesting recital of the events of the year at the School, and discussed some of the problems created by changed conditions.

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### Alumni Notes

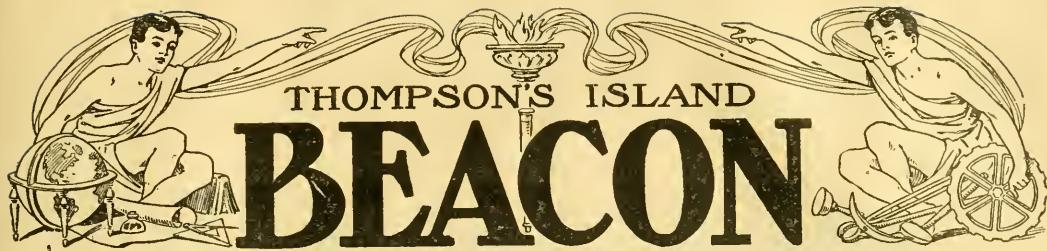
ERNEST W. AUSTIN, '99, and Mrs. Austin announce the birth of a boy, Ernest Charles Austin, January 28th, 1914. Mother and baby doing well.

BERNARD F. MURDOCK, '11, was probably the youngest graduate present at the annual dinner. Bernard has made a fine showing. He is in his junior year at the Mechanics Art High School, Boston, and works all the spare time possible in a florist shop, where he earns money to assist in paying his way.

WILLIAM B. LAING, Ex '14, writes from 146 Latrobe Avenue, Austin, Chicago, Illinois. He is still with the Western Electric Company, and although he enjoys his work and is making progress, he evidently has a longing for the East and his old surroundings. He says he has a pupil in drumming and expects another soon. He has also started an orchestra, and after a concert which is in preparation he hopes to increase its numbers.

RICHARD BELL, '71, and Mrs. Bell have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mabel Frances, to Frederick Greydon Libbey of Newton.

The retirement of Herbert W. French, '78, as treasurer of the Alumni Association, after 12 years of service in that position, was marked by a gift to him of a mantle clock, accompanied by a letter of appreciation of his long and valued services.



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GEN. MAYNARD'S SIDE

THE SNOW-BALL BATTLE

GEN. COOMBS' SIDE

## Snow-ball Battle

It is our custom on Washington's Birthday to have a snow-ball battle. Some weeks before that date two Generals are chosen by the boys. This year the honor came to Everett W. Maynard and Perry Coombs. After the Generals were chosen they selected their officers and men. Under the direction of its officers, each army constructed the snow breastworks. The fortifications were 50 ft. long, 4 ft. high, 4 ft.

thick, and one hundred feet apart, having embrasures in the walls at suitable places, serving as openings where snow-balls could be hurled at the enemy, and also as sally-ports. Back of the breastworks in each fort were placed bags filled with ground cork. The capture of these bags from the opponents was an important part of the battle. About ten days were spent in constructing the fortifications, there being plenty of material on hand, thanks to the generous

snowfall. The morning of the twenty-second was spent in final preparation for the battle, which took place at 2.30 P. M. At that time both armies were in their respective forts ready for the battle. The engagement was divided into four ten-minute periods with five-minutes rest between. General Maynard having won the choice of flags, selected the yellow, leaving the blue flag for General Coombs. All being in readiness, General Coombs, leaving a few men to guard his fort, made a flying attack on General Maynard. General Maynard had his army divided into squads with an officer at the head of each. Half of the squads were stationed behind the breastworks, using snow ammunition, while the remaining squads were guarding the bags. We could not push an opponent off the breastworks or use our hands in fending them off, but as soon as they scaled the wall we could make them prisoners and hold them from getting the bags. If any bags were captured they were thrown over the breastworks, and the men who were guarding General Coombs' fort took the bags and put them behind their own breastworks. We could not bury the bags or hold them. When the whistle was blown at the end of the fighting period the umpires counted the captured bags, and the number of men having entered the enemy's fort, etc., and determined the number of points scored by the attacking force. The second attack was made by General Maynard, who divided his army into squads and attacked the fort in different places and threw out the bags, and a couple of squads stayed outside of the breastworks and took the bags and put them behind their own fort. When this period was ended General Maynard was ahead. The third and fourth periods were joint attacks. Each general left men in the forts and took some for the attack. One side would throw bags from behind the enemy's fort and the two sides would be between the two forts and each side would try to capture the bags and they were kept flying through the air. General Maynard was still ahead at the end of the third period. The fourth period was fought in the same way and there was no time during the

battle when it was at all certain who would win, but after a stubborn resistance in which there was considerable bloodshed on both sides the victory banner was fairly won by General Coombs. His side scored 1370 points against General Maynard's 1355 points. After giving three cheers the victors marched to the kitchen porch, to the lively accompaniment played by their bugler and drummers, where the banner of victory was received, also the trophy, consisting of cookies, cakes, oranges, bananas, candies, etc. Then they went up into the gymnasium, where the good things were divided among the winning army and the officers of the losing army.

#### RULES AND POINTS

10-minute quarters.

Three 5-minute periods.

First and third quarters—single attacks.

Second and fourth quarters—joint attacks.

First and third quarters — all bags behind breast-works attacked.

Second and fourth quarters—bags divided equally behind breastworks.

Entrance to breastworks through embrasure—5 points.

15 "

Over the breastworks—

25 "

Each bag captured—

50 "

Capturing the colors—

5 "

Each man not having been behind breast

works at end of each quarter counts

for the defender—

5 "

The side having largest number of points at end of

fourth quarter is winner of the battle.

ERNEST E. SLOCOMB.

#### Coasting

During a couple of weeks in February we had some excellent coasting. The Front Avenue was used for this purpose this year. Down at the foot of the avenue the two granite pillars which mark the entrance to the Front and Rear Avenues had been well padded with bags of straw so that there was no danger of being hurt. On going down on sleds or double runners we had to keep to the inner edge until we rounded the curve and then gradually work into the middle of the avenue. We went about half way out on the wharf. There were besides the flexible flyers, three double runners in use.

FRANKLIN E. GUNNING.



COASTING ON FRONT AVENUE

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At first thought, one would hardly associate nearly all the country sports of winter with an island in Boston Harbor, yet this is possible at Thompson's Island to a very large extent, for upon the artificial ponds made usually from the

storage of surface water, we have excellent opportunity for skating and playing the various games and sports upon ice.

By the gentler and steeper slopes from an elevation of seventy-one feet above mean low water, we have coasting on toboggans, single sleds and double-runners, and at times we can also indulge in sleigh-rides over the five miles or more of road which we have, or through the fields. Some of the boys also find places for skiing, and occasionally snow-shoes are seen going over the drifts and through the meadows.

In earlier numbers of the Beacon we have illustrated skating and some of the other winter sports. In this number is shown in two views the coast which the boys have enjoyed this season, a coast extending from the main building down the front avenue, past the barn and well out onto the wharf, and four views of the snow-ball battle. This is really the out-of-door event of the season. It originated some twenty odd years ago when we were trying to think of some game or sport which would be somewhat appropriate to indulge in on February 22nd, Washington's Birthday.

We think of Washington as a military man, a general, with a purpose and a plan, leading to victory, so we conceived the idea which has since been annually carried out, of a game in which all of the boys could take part and exercise generalship, make plans, go into battle and win a victory. The whole School, weeks before this day, chooses two generals, and they select their officers and privates, building such forts, breastworks or trenches as each year may be decided upon, and then, after planning and scheming, fight a snow-ball battle for points under definite rules, the winning side having the privilege and honor of carrying the silk banner designed for the purpose, and carried each year

in triumphant march, together with a trophy, or, as the Romans termed it, the "spoils of victory," the spoils consisting of fruits, cakes, candy, and other sweets of various kinds in ample quantities, borne on their shoulders to the gymnasium and there divided among the victors and their friends.

We have our historic exercises appropriate to the day, but perhaps nowhere else is this mid-winter holiday observed by boys indulging in an exhilarating, out-of-door game which calls for keen, mental and physical activity, for skill, fairness and courage.

### Notes

Feb. 2. Sorting potatoes at farm-house cellar.

The remaining portion of a car-load of Alfalfa arrived.

Feb. 3. Mr. E. H. Forbush, state ornithologist, and his man here to investigate the rat problem.

Feb. 7. Bernhardt Gerecke, '12, and friend from Massachusetts Nautical Training Ship Ranger passed the afternoon on the Island.

Feb. 8. Sunday. Mr. Fred Derwacter of Newton Theological Seminary conducted the Sunday services.

Mr. Clarence J. Ferguson spent Sunday here. Spoke to the boys in the evening.

Several boys attended church at Field's Corner, through the invitation of Charles Blatchford, '04.

Feb. 14. Made forms for casting concrete fence-posts.

Feb. 17. Started sprouting oats for hens.

Entertainment by Harvard students. Presentation of Crosby foot-ball shield and cups by Charles E. Brickley, of the Harvard foot-ball eleven. Thanks due, as usual, to Mr. Arthur Beane.

Feb. 18. Coasting on Front Avenue. Dressed hog weighing 275 pounds.

Gift of lantern from Peter Gray & Sons.

Feb. 19. Blacksmith shoeing horses.

Feb. 20. Dance in Assembly-hall. Music furnished by Cadet Orchestra from Massachusetts Nautical Training Ship Ranger, through the kindness of Bernhardt Gerecke, '12, who played the piccolo.

Feb. 21. Charles A. Graves, '07, and Perley W. White, '12, visited the School.

Charles A. Graves, '07, presented a set of encyclopedias to the winning general of the snow-ball battle.

Feb. 22. Services appropriate to Washington's Birthday, boys taking part.

Bernhardt Gerecke, '12, here.

Feb. 23. Annual snow-ball battle. Vice-President Charles P. Curtis, Treasurer Arthur Adams and Manager George E. DeBlois here. Also Elizabeth DeBlois, Winifred Johnson, Merton Ellis, '99, and Mrs. Ellis, Leslie R. Jones, '06, and Miss Lillian Anderson.

Feb. 24. One hundred years ago today the Act incorporating this School was passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Caleb Strong.

Feb. 25. Finished bins in Gardner-hall basement for holding pipe fittings.

Feb. 26. Took last of celery from celery-room.

Feb. 27. Mr. Walter Adams passed the night here.

Feb. 28. Stored 250 barrels of snow in celery-room for sugaring-off.

Vice-President Charles P. Curtis, Mr. E. H. Forbush, Mr. Edward L. Parker and Mr. James G. Parker here.

### February Meteorology

Maximum temperature, 55° on the 4th.

Minimum temperature, —13° on the 12th.

Mean temperature for the month, 24.7°

Total precipitation, 2.39 inches.

Greatest precipitation in twenty-four hours, .60 inches on the 13th.

8 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 10 clear days, 17 partly cloudy, 1 cloudy day.

Total number of hours sunshine, 162 and 40 minutes.

Monthly snowfall, 16 inches.

Ice went out of Dorchester Bay as far up as our wharf on the 27th.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand February 1, 1914	\$949.07
Deposits during the month	12.47
	961.54
Withdrawn during the month	38.33
Cash on hand March 1, 1914	\$923.21

### Meteorology and Agriculture

Every Tuesday night the boys in the first, second and third classes go to the Assembly-hall to hear lectures on agriculture or meteorology. Capt. Dix, the meteorology teacher, and Mr. Shaw, the agriculture teacher, take turns and each has a Tuesday night every other week to deliver a lecture. The last two lectures that Capt. Dix gave were about Isobars, which are lines drawn on weather maps through the different places in the United States having the same barometric pressure. Mr. Shaw's talks are about poultry, farming, and the most used vegetables, such as corn and potatoes. He has also given a talk on cattle. The two most common classes of cattle are the dairy and beef type. At the end of each term we have questions on agriculture and meteorology. If we have learned our lessons in these studies, some day this information will be very useful to us.

FREDERICK A. SMITH.

### The Weather Bureau Staff

Each month five fellows are selected to assist the Chief and Deputy at the observatory. Observations are taken twice a day—at eight o'clock in the morning and eight o'clock at night. In the morning either the Chief or the Deputy goes to the observatory, but at night the whole staff goes over. The fellows selected for March are as follows: Lawrence M. Cobb, Chief; William J. Grant, Deputy; Everett W. Maynard, Sunshine Recorder; Warner E. Spear, Barometer; Joseph L. Pendergast, Thermoimeters; Frederick A. Smith, Anemometer and Weather Vane; and Charles R. Jefferson, Rain Gage and Polymeter.

EVERETT W. MAYNARD.

### Our Magazines

In the boys' reading-room there are fifty-five magazines. The first-graders have the privilege of going to the reading-room every evening, except Sunday evening, after seven o'clock. The other boys go according to grades. The magazines on file are as follows:

American Blacksmith	Illustrated London News
American Boy, The	Industrial Enterprise
American Cultivator	Inland Printer, The
American Forestry	Literary Digest, The
American Industries	Lyman School Enterprise
American Machinist	Machinery
Beacon, The (published by the American Unitarian Assoc.)	Manual Training
Berkshire Industrial Farm Record	New England Kurn Hattin Homes
Blue and White, The	Our Dumb Animals
Boston Evening Transcript	Our Fourfooted Friends
Boys' Industrial School Journal	Our Paper
Children's Herald	Popular Electricity
Child's Hour	Popular Mechanics
Christian Endeavor World	Power
Christian Science Monitor	Record, The
Collier's Weekly	Riverside, The
Current Events	Saint Nicholas,
Dawn, The	Scientific American, The
Disston Crucible	Southern Letter
Dorchester Beacon, The	Suburban Life
Early Trainer, The	Summary, The
Farm and Poultry	Technical World
Garden Magazine, The	Tuskegee Student
Gimlet, The	Union Signal
Gleaner, The	Voice, The
Hoard's Dairymen	Week, The
	World's Work
	Young Crusader, The
	Youth's Companion, The

THOMAS H. LANGTON.

### Some Small Folders

Lately some small folders were given out. On them are the names of the fellows and the class to which they belong. In the first class there are twenty-one members; in the second class there are twenty members; in the third class there are twenty-five members; and in the fourth class there are twenty-five members. There are some fellows in the advanced class whose names are not on this folder.

CARL H. COLLINS.

## The Harvard Entertainment

We are indebted to Mr. Arthur Beane, at one time supervisor at this School, for the excellent entertainment which he and several students from Harvard College gave us on Tuesday evening, February seventeenth. When assembly-call was sounded it found all of us in the hall, where Mr. Beane, in his usual happy manner, introduced us to our guests and entertainers. The following programme was enjoyed by all present:

Piano and Violin Duet—Osgood Perkins and Horace W. Frost.

Reading, "Uncle Remus" — James C. Manry.

Clog Dancing—Henry DeFord, Jr.

Reading, "Italian Account of a Base-ball Game"—Osgood Perkins.

Singing—Harvard Glee Club.

Reading—Mrs. Richard Ohler.

Trio—S. Manlius Sargent accompanying on the piano.

Reading —James C. Manry.

Clog Dancing—Henry DeFord, Jr.

Reading—Mrs. Richard Ohler.

Singing—Harvard Glee Club.

After the applause for the last number, Mr. Charles E. Brickley, the famous foot-ball player, was introduced by Mr. Beane. Mr. Brickley spoke to the fellows for a few minutes, telling the boys to win in a fair, clean and manly way, and then presented the Crosby shield and silver cups to the winners.

### WINNERS OF THE CROSBY SHIELD.

Everett W. Maynard, Capt.

Walter I. Tassinari.

Ernest V. Wyatt.

Antonio V. Maciel.

Stanley W. Clark.

Leroy S. Heinlein.

Theodore Milne.

John L. Sherman.

Dexter L. Noble.

William B. Cross.

Paul C. A. Swenson.

Thomas H. Langton.

Raymond H. Batchelder.

Kenneth A. Beimis.

William C. Gonser.

### WINNERS OF THE CROSBY CUPS.

Walter I. Tassinari, L. E.

Erwin L. Coolidge, L. T.

Robert E. Dudley, L. G.

Chester R. Wood, C.

Benjamin L. Murphy, R. G.

Stanley W. Clark, R. T.

Warner E. Spear, R. E.

Lawrence M. Cobb, L. H. B.

Charles R. Jefferson, R. H. B.

Paul C. A. Swenson, Q. B.

Everett W. Maynard, F. B.

Ernest V. Wyatt, Sub. L. H. B.

William J. Grant, Sub. R. H. B.

Perry Coombs, Sub. F. B.

GEORGE B. MCLEOD.

## Cleaning Out Pig-pens

Lately it has been my work to clean out the pig-pens. I first harness up a horse to a cart and then go down to the pig-pens and back up to the side of them. Next I get a fork and take all the bedding and other stuff out, after which I take a hoe and scrape it thoroughly so as to make it look clean. When the cart is full I take it over to the compost-shed and empty it. Then I come back and get another load. After I have cleaned out the pens there is usually new bedding put in.

HUBERT N. LEACH.

## Library Cards

In the cupboard in the Assembly-room is a box that is used for the library cards. It is seven inches long, three inches wide, and five and three quarters high. It is divided into two parts. One part is for the cards of the boys who want books, and the other part is for the cards of the boys who are not using them. The cards are arranged alphabetically, with an index.

WALTER L. COLE.

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WILLIAM ALCOTT, '84, Everett  
Historian

JOSEPH H. KELLEY, '74, who for more than a score of years has been a patrolman in the Everett police department, has been granted a leave of absence on account of illness.

GEORGE J. HARTMAN, '75, we occasionally hear from in person or through friends. He is counted on as one of the old reliables in the American Tool & Machine Company works at 428 Hyde Park Avenue, Roslindale, Mass.

HARRY A. ENGLISH, '96, of Jamaica Plain, was a member of the Y. M. C. A. team which met the Y. M. C. U. team in a joint debate on "Immigration," on January 19.

FRED F. BURCHSTED, JR., '02, working at Fales in Walpole, writes that his wife has recently had a serious illness, but is now getting on finely.

CHARLES A. BLATCHFORD, '04, works for the Beacon Steam Laundry and lives at 48 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester. Charles is always very much interested in his work and in the Church and its various activities.

GEORGE A. MATTHEWS, '09, writes from Lowell that he has passed two examinations and is preparing for the final one to become a locomotive fireman on the Boston & Maine Railroad. He thinks that if he had not had the training of The Farm and Trades School he would have had to give up the work because it was so hard at the beginning.

HAROLD Y. JACOBS, '10, is now second man in the chemical department of the George H. Morrill Co., printing ink manufacturers, and lives with his mother, Alfred, and sister at Hingham.

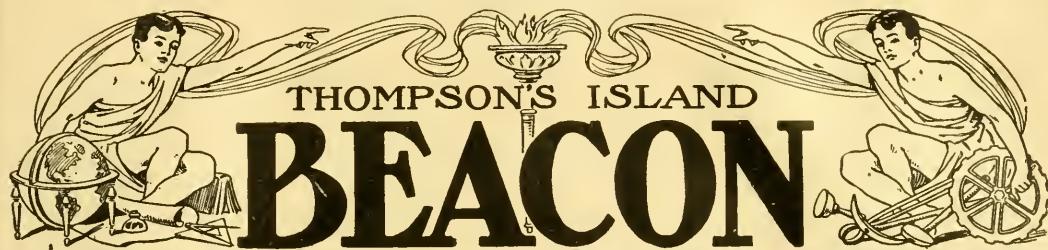
GEORGE M. HOLMES, '10, is now living at 8 Silver Street, Quincy, Mass., and is establishing a subscription agency.

ALFRED W. JACOBS, '10, who has been employed by the New England Telephone Company since leaving this School, has been steadily advanced until now he has charge of the switchboard tests in the Hingham office. This gives him an opportunity to live at home, which he enjoys very much with his mother, brother, and sister.

JAMES L. JOYCE, '10, is assistant manager in the Inter-Insurance exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California, San Diego Headquarters, 240 Spreckels Building, San Diego, California. For some time James has been on the road for the same company, but is now permanently situated at the San Diego office. He enjoys the work very much, coming in contact with a nice class of people. While on the road he had an unusual opportunity to see the country and the various conditions along the Pacific Coast, occasionally meeting graduates, and once a former teacher. James will be directly in the center of activities in the coming Pacific Exposition, and no doubt will be glad to see any of his old friends who happen to be visiting the Exposition.

JOHN HERMANN MARSHALL, '11, writes that he is ever thankful for the instruction in the different lines of work at this School, as it always enables him to go ahead in almost anything he turns his hand to. He expects to graduate from a three years' course in the Lowell Evening High School this year. His permanent address is in care of Capt. H. W. Folger, Chestnut Street, Wilmington, Mass.

CLARENCE BURTON, '12. We have just received a line from Clarence written on the typewriter, which his brother has recently purchased. He writes just to show his skill on the machine and to express his good wishes.



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## Our Centennial

On Saturday, March 21st, exercises in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of The Farm and Trades School were held at the Old South Church, corner of Boylston and Dartmouth Streets. We had been making preparations for the occasion for some time. We had our uniforms nicely pressed and caps sponged, which kept the laundry squad busy. We started from the house at half-past one, leaving the wharf at one forty-five on the Loretta, which had been chartered for the occasion, not using our own steamer Pilgrim, which has a crew of four, in order that every boy might have an opportunity to attend the exercises. Only four persons remained on the Island, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Karl Kneeland, Mrs. Dix, and Police Officer Shea, to be present in case of emergency. We arrived at the landing at City Point at five minutes past two, and found two special cars waiting to take us to the church, which we reached in thirty minutes. At two forty-five we entered the church, waiting in an ante-room until three-thirty, when it was time for us to take our places in the north gallery, which had been reserved for us. Four boys, Paul C. A. Swenson, Victor H. Gordon, F. Carlisle Gardner, and I, were chosen to assist in giving out programmes to the people as they entered the church, and to help in any way in which we were most needed. In a short while the boys marched to their places in the gallery, which overlooked the whole audience. There was a very large congregation, in it being many of the friends and relatives of the boys, and also many graduates. The programmes were very handsome, and gave historical data from the

discovery of the Island by Myles Standish in 1621, to the present time. They were tied with silk cord representing the School's colors. The addresses were all very interesting and instructive. After the exercises we went out of the church, and boarded the cars which were waiting for us in front of the Public Library, feeling that we were fully repaid for our weeks of anticipation in what we had seen and heard on this most memorable day.

RAYMOND H. BATCHELDER.

## Linseed Oil

One morning before we started in on our sloyd work, Mr. Lawrence read to us about linseed oil from a magazine. Linseed oil is obtained from the flax plant. In the early days of the industry the seed was crushed and ground to a pulp, then pressed and the oil extracted at ordinary temperature. This gave an oil which contained very little foots, was quite light in color, and was of excellent quality for immediate use. The percentage of oil extracted, however, was not very high, so at the present time no cold pressed oil is made, but the seed after being once crushed and ground is cooked or tempered with steam, which breaks up the plant cells, and allows a more complete extraction of oil. This hot-pressed oil as it comes from the presses is unfit for most commercial uses as it contains considerable water and gummy substances. It is therefore filtered and stored in tanks and finally submitted to various processes which remove the harmful elements and at the same time improve and bring out the various kinds of paint and varnish oils that are needed in the markets.

GEORGE F. KENDALL.

**An Interesting Talk**

One night recently Capt. Otis Clark spoke to us in the Assembly-hall about the time when he and his crew of fourteen nearly lost their lives. It was on the fifteenth of January, nineteen hundred and fourteen, that the Fuller Palmer was struck by a blizzard when about fifteen miles from Cape Ann. The water came in over the decks and washed the coal down into the scuttles and blocked them up so that the water could not get into the pumps to be pumped out. Finally the vessel turned over on its beam ends and the water began to freeze. The Fuller Palmer drifted about with fifty thousand tons of ice on it until the fifteenth. About four o'clock in the morning a steamer was sighted off their port bow. This steamer was supposed to have passed the day before, but was delayed by the storm. The steamer plied between St. John, N. B., and Baltimore. It came about and sent a boat over to the Fuller Palmer. The first boat was smashed, but the second boat took them off safely. At this time they were about a hundred and fifty miles from Baltimore. After getting on board the steamer Capt. Clark saw his own boat sink. The Fuller Palmer, a five-master, was built in Bath, Me., and was the best of the fifteen vessels that made up the Palmer fleet.

CARL H. COLLINS.

**Setting Out Traps**

One afternoon Mr. Shaw told me he would like to have me take care of some traps. There were twenty in all. I baited them with smoked herring, which he cut. I first baited one trap and then another, the bait is put on the prongs and then they are set. After the traps were baited I put them around in different places, such as the pig-pens, the storage-barn, and back of the hen-house. I have been having considerable success with them lately. I enjoy doing this work.

BENJAMIN L. MURPHY.

**Making a Diabolo**

One day recently I asked permission of Mr. Lawrence to make a diabolo on the lathe. He said I could, so I got a piece of maple, four inches long, two inches wide, and two inches thick. I marked out the center on each end of the wood by drawing a line from each corner to the opposite one. Then I chopped off the corners and took the live center out of the lathe, and pounded it in one end of the wood and put it back in the lathe. Then I fastened the wood to the live and dead centers. I oiled the end where the dead center was, and then oiled certain other parts of the lathe. I started up the power and began working. I took the big gauge and cut the wood down to one and seven eighths inches in diameter. Then I took a chisel and smoothed it up. I marked off the length, which was two and one half inches. Then I took the parting chisel and cut this down to three eighths on each end. I took a chisel and used the point cutting towards the center in a "V" shape. Then I sandpapered it, took it off the lathe, and sawed the ends off. I went over to the basement and got a dowel. I sawed this in half, and then got some string about three and one half feet long and tied this on to the sticks. This was now all ready to use. I did not know how to run it at first, but learned after a while.

HOWARD F. LOCHIRE.

**Our Library**

In the Assembly-hall are two large book-cases in which the library books are kept. Any member of the School may take these books, if he wishes. The system of the library is much the same as those of the city libraries. We are allowed to change the books twice a week, but are not allowed to keep them over a week without special permission. These books are all neatly covered and numbered. Many of them were given to the School by its friends.

DONALD M. WILDE.

## New Weather Maps

Recently Capt. Dix gave each fellow who takes the meteorology lectures a new weather map of the United States. After telling us the definition of an isobaric line, he had us make one through the different places he named. After this we marked on the line the barometric pressure indicated on his map. This shows that all places touching the line have the same amount of barometric pressure as is recorded. He then gave us the definition of an isothermal line, all points of which have the same temperature, being shown by a broken and not a full line. These maps are given us to have us become accustomed to the way the weather is predicted and set down on a map.

WALTER I. TASSINARI.

## Pressing and Cleaning Suits

When pressing a suit, I first lay the coat on the ironing-board and then take a stiff corn-brush and brush it thoroughly. If there should be any stains on it I take a soft piece of cloth, on which I have put some gasoline, and rub over the stains. This will take them out very nicely. I then flatten the sleeve out on the board, and taking my cloth which I have wrung out over a pail of water I lay the cloth over the sleeve and press it with a hot iron. After the coat is all finished, I take the trousers and go through the same process.

LESTER E. COWDEN.

## Lathe Work

Recently I made a napkin ring as a sloyd model. This ring was made of mahogany. After putting the piece of wood on the lathe, I got a blue-print and worked according to that. After turning the outside shape, I cut into the center from one end, so as to make an opening for the napkin to be inserted into. Then I cut the ring clear of the moving piece, and cut the moving piece down to the inside dimensions of the ring, so as to cut into the other end and complete the incision. I then sandpapered, shellacked, and passed it in to be marked.

HAROLD L. CARLTON.

## Old Clothes

About the middle of every week the old clothes are brought into the sewing-room to be mended. These are the clothes that the fellows have had changed during the preceding week. They are first sent to the laundry to be washed, and then to the sewing-room to be mended. After the regular work is done, the old clothes are mended. They are first sorted—that is, they are looked over and put into different piles, the odd colored pants being put in one pile, and the ones of the same color in separate piles. The coats are put in another pile. Any that are not considered worth mending are cut up and put in the rag-bag. After they are mended they are sent to the clothing-room, where the fellows go to get their clothes changed.

STANLEY W. CLARK.

## Folding Invitations

One morning Mr. Bradley came in the reading-room and told me to clean off the tables. After doing that I put some clean papers on them. Then some boxes of invitations were brought in. They were invitations to the one hundredth anniversary exercises of the School held at the Old South Church on March 21. First I folded the tissue paper, which was placed on the engraved side of the invitation. Then the invitations were folded very evenly. I had to be very careful not to get them dirty.

ROBERT H. PETERSON.

## Sorting Potatoes

One morning three other fellows and I went to the root-cellar to sort potatoes. There were two bins with potatoes and two fellows went into each bin to sort. The good potatoes we put in bushel boxes and when the boxes were full we emptied them in one corner. There were some potatoes that were good enough to use if used immediately, so we put them in a separate pile. The ones that were not good we put into a barrel and left them in one corner. We sorted seventy-seven bushels of good potatoes, three partly bad and two of bad. GEOFFREY E. PLUNKETT.

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## The School's Centennial

The one hundredth anniversary of The Farm and Trades School was commemorated by a religious service in the Old South Church, Boston, on Saturday afternoon, March 21. The

date was exactly a full century from that day on which the first meeting was held for the purpose of organization and the election of officers, March 21, 1814, and the exercises were in keeping with the occasion it commemorated, a century of service for boyhood.

In the great edifice were assembled nearly a thousand persons. The members of the Board of Managers occupied seats in the front center. Back of them, and extending clear to the rear pews, were their friends and friends of the venerable School; on the right side were the alumni of the School and their friends; on the opposite side sat present and former instructors and their friends; while in the right gallery, where all might most easily see them, were the hundred Farm and Trades School boys, neat, bright faced, manly in appearance, and gentlemanly in deportment.

On the platform were the six gentlemen who had a place on the programme: Mr. Charles P. Curtis, vice-president of the Board of Managers, who presided in the absence of Mr. Alfred Bowditch, president; Rev. Willis H. Butler, assistant pastor of the church, who made the opening prayer; Right Rev. William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts; President A. Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard University; Mr. Charles Evans of Chicago, a graduate of 1866, who represented the alumni; and Mr. Charles H. Bradley, superintendent of The Farm and Trades School.

Serving as ushers were Messrs. Stephen V. R. Crosby and Arthur Adams of the Board of Managers, and the following graduates: Messers. James H. Graham, '78, of Boston; William Alcott, '84, of Everett; Arthur D. Fearing, '84, of Boston; Alden B. Heffler, '87, of Hyde Park; Harry A. English, '96, of Jamaica Plain; Clarence W. Loud, '96, of Newton; Merton P. Ellis, '99, of Dorchester; Thomas R. Brown, '00, of Belmont; Alfred C. Malm, '01, of Melrose; and Willard H. Perry, '10, of Dorchester.

The programme was one of beauty and dignity. The musical portions included Mendelssohn's exquisite anthem, "How Lovely Are

the Messengers that Preach us the Gospel of Peace," which was sung by the church quartet, and the hymns, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve," sung by the congregation.

The selections were symbolic of the whole history and spirit of the School. The anthem suggested the century of deeds of love and mercy, the opening hymn acknowledged the place of God in the work of the School, and the closing hymn sounded a clarion call for greater zeal and sacrifice in the years to come.

The addresses were brief, appropriate and inspiring. Later they are to be published in full, so that merely a suggestion of their purport may be given here. Mr. Curtis told the aim of the School: To educate one hundred boys at a time, to give them a home, and finally to aid them in getting and keeping self-supporting occupations. In the century 2,169 boys had been educated.

Bishop Lawrence spoke of the location of the School as one which helped not only to healthy bodies, but to healthy minds. He compared it to the larger schools where of necessity much of individuality is lost, and then compared it to some of the smaller and richer schools, where individuality is maintained, but where the boy is unable to do chores—"is only one-third trained. The boy here gains the right attitude toward life," he said.

President Lowell compared the School to a mother with one hundred children at her knee all the time. And he paid this pretty compliment: "I shall never forget the words of appreciation my father spoke of his senior partner, who taught him the East India business, because he was trained at the Farm School." Then he pointed out that in many schools education is at cross purposes, while at The Farm and Trades School it is possible to adopt a wise educational policy and to pursue it to the end. "I know of no other school in the vicinity of Boston, or indeed within the limits of any large city, which has been able to do so well what you have done at the Farm and Trades School."

Charles Evans, a graduate of 1866, spoke as a product of the School, and he did himself

and his School proud. He compared The Farm and Trades School with some of the famous English schools—Charter House and Christ's Hospital—which are on a similar charity foundation, and recalled the names of Addison, Steele, John Wesley, Blackstone, Thackeray, Coleridge, Charles Lamb, Leigh Hunt and Gen. Havelock as among their famous graduates. He proclaimed his belief that when this School had attained the age of its British counterparts, it would also give to the nation men eminent in letters, art, statesmanship or war. The fame attained by The Farm School he attributed to the fact that the School had been managed by a body of men who were keepers of the New England conscience." With a tender touch of sentiment he closed his address with this peroration:

"To the boys at the School, for the alumni, I would say: Always keep alive the spark of interest in the School, whatever your fortunes in life may be. You may travel far, and into many strange lands, but nowhere will you see a more beautiful sight than when the lengthening shadows fall on Thompson's Island, you see the sun resting like a golden crown over the fair city of Boston. Drink in this beautiful sight while you may. Fill your mind and soul with the brilliant coloring of the Great Master Painter. God gave this privilege to you when he gave you the privilege of being a Farm School boy."

Then came Mr. Bradley, superintendent, under whose administration the School has made its greatest progress. He gave full credit for whatever progress the School has made in recent years to those who have been in daily association with the pupils, the loyal instructors and teachers, and to "my devoted and capable life partner." He spoke of conditions in the matter of education when he first became superintendent, when the School was almost alone in the matter of teaching agriculture and some of the manual arts. The wisdom of the founders in establishing the course of education, he said, had been justified by the success of the alumni.

"The pioneer work accredited to us has been made possible by continuity of management, and by team play on the part of all interested. We have not been hampered by a change of boards or changes of administration, or by interference of any nature.

"Our aim and our purpose today is the same as a century ago, starting boys for a broad education, with the rudiments of a trade, and the trade which they are likely to follow. They are taught to do real things in a natural way, the things which are to be done in after life. They are taught obedience, respect for their superiors, and the rights of others; to be honest, to be loyal, in fact to be good citizens."

Then followed the final hymn; "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve, and Press with Vigor on;" and with a benediction by Bishop Lawrence the service ended.

Then as the venerable school faced its second century of service, it was with a truer conception of its aim and spirit on the part of the public, a stronger attachment on the part of its friends, and with a body of alumni prouder than ever of their old and beloved mother.

W. A. ALCOTT, '84.

### Notes

March 2. Began painting gypsy moth nests with Cabot's creosote.

March 3. Sold two hen turkeys.

March 4. Manager Francis Shaw passed the afternoon on the Island.

Mr. Leonard Small of the Boston Globe here to take pictures.

Illustrated talk on "The Grosser Kurfurst" and Cuba given by Mr. Bradley.

March 6. Dressed beef 113, weighing 490 lbs

March 7. Bernhardt Gerecke, '12, here to spend Sunday.

March 9. Mr. F. A. Saunderson here to take pictures.

First parcel post package delivered at City Point locker.

March 11. Dressed hog weighing 325 lbs.

March 12. Repairing road at South End.

March 13. Began pruning orchard.

March 16. Frederick J. Wilson, '09, visited the School.

March 20. Incubated 42 eggs.

Edric Blakemore, '12, visited the School.

March 21. Allen Bennett Cooke, '13, and Claire R. Emery, '12, passed the night here.

Celebration of the one hundredth Anniversary of the organization of the School held at the Old South Church, Vice-President Charles P. Curtis presiding. Speakers: Rt. Rev. Wm. Lawrence, D. D., Bishop of Massachusetts; A. Lawrence Lowell, LL. D., President of Harvard University; Mr. Charles Evans of Chicago, representing the Alumni; and Mr. Charles H. Bradley, Superintendent.

March 23. Filled hot-beds.

Beginning of spring vacation.

Gift of chicken brooder from Frank Simpson, '03.

Scow load of plank for East bulk-head from Freeport St.

March 24 Built spray tower for spraying machine.

Illustrated talk on Jamaica, Panama, and Venezuela by Mr. Bradley.

Capt. Otis Clark told the boys of his experiences and the loss of his ship, the "Fuller Palmer."

March 25. Shipped second hand water heater.

Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel arrived.

March 26. Incubated 40 eggs.

Dance in Assembly Hall.

Sowed lettuce and radish seeds in hot bed.

Bernhardt Gerecke, '12, visited the School.

Load of maple, gum-wood, butter-nut, and chestnut from Public Landing.

March 28. Supply of garden seeds arrived.

Maple sugar on snow in the evening.

Treasurer Arthur Adams spent the afternoon with us.

March 30. Spring term of School began.

Dressed hog weighing 325 lbs.

March 30. Pruned the grape-vines.

Painted 1,445 gypsy moth nests this month.

### The Farm and Trades School Bank

Cash on hand March 1, 1914	\$923.21
Deposits during the month	39.86
	963.07
Withdrawn during the month	21.04
Cash on hand April 1, 1914	\$942.03

### March Meteorology

Maximum temperature, 72° on the 27th.

Minimum temperature, 11° on the 10th.

Mean temperature for the month, 36.5°.

Total precipitation, 3.16 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, .85 inches on the 1st.

12 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 7 clear days, 16 partly cloudy, 8 cloudy days.

Total number of hours sunshine, 145 and 10 minutes.

Monthly snow-fall, 4.88 inches.

Aurora observed on evening of the 11th.

### An Unexpected Caller

Recently when I was in the shop, a little bird flew in the window. It was pretty cold outside and I guess the little bird was cold too. First it lit on the steam-pipe, but that was a little too hot for it. It then flew down and hopped about on the nail-kegs, buzz-saw, planer, working-benches and other such things. He enjoyed himself hopping around for about a quarter of an hour. Then he got up and flew out of the window. It was interesting to see it hopping around.

GEORGE W. CASEY.

### Drilling

One morning before school Mr. Beebe told three other fellows and me to step down into the basement and wait until he followed. When he came down he showed me a hole which had been started in the granite wall and told me to drill there. I got a heavy hammer and commenced work. Every time I hit the drill I turned it with my left hand so that it would not get stuck. I drilled the hole an inch and a quarter deep before school and enjoyed the work very much.

LLEWELYN H. LEWIS.

### Maple Sugar

On Saturday evening, March 23, Mr. Bradley told us that we were going to have some new maple sugar. While we were waiting for the syrup to be boiled down to sugar Mr. Bradley explained to us how the sap is obtained. Maple sap runs the best when it freezes nights and thaws day times. In olden times wooden buckets were used in tapping the trees, but the wood could be tasted, so in the up to date methods they use tin buckets. When the buckets are full a man comes around with a neck-yoke having places to hang the pails on and takes the sap to the camp or sugar-house where they boil it down to syrup. After Mr. Bradley had finished talking we went into the dining-room and sat at the tables. We had some snow in a dish and the hot maple sugar was poured out onto it. It tasted very good. Mr. Bradley told us we were the first ones to get any this year.

JOHN L. SLINGER.

### Election of Councilors

One evening Mr. Bradley had the fellows vote for three members of the school to serve on the council. There were eleven nominated and the following three were elected: Charles R. Jefferson, twenty-two votes; Ernest V. Wyatt, thirty-three votes; and Everett W. Maynard, had twenty-four votes. The council is made up of the Judge, Mayor, and the Chief of Police of Cottage Row; three members of the whole school, with Mr. Bradley. The idea is to have the fellows see those on the council about such cases as may come up, and help decide them.

CHARLES R. JEFFERSON.

### Pen Cray

I am now working on my pen tray in sloyd. After I had finished my drawing of it, the instructor told me to get out my stock. I got out a piece of cherry, eleven and one half inches long and two and one quarter inches wide. I have the groove all done and sandpapered, and now I have to do my carving. After the carving is finished I will sandpaper the tray all over, and then I will shellac it.

JOSEPH L. PENDERGAST.

## The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Historian

WALTER L. CARPENTER, '93, writes that he is working at the Boston Blacking Company in East Cambridge as night watchman and likes it very well. He is living at 84 Coleman Street, Dorchester.

WILLIAM G. CUMMINGS, '98, of the Plant Department of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company in Somerville, and CHARLES SPEAR, '03, of the Walter M. Lowney Chocolate Company, recently spent a few days in New York. Their intention was to see the whole town, but finally gave up the attempt to do it all at once, and left some things for another time.

HOWARD B. ELLIS, '99, has just been taking his first vacation in 15 years, having worked for Thomas J. Hind, the roofer, since he left the School, and this was rather forced upon him, he having met with an accident by breaking his arm while cranking an automobile. He spent a little more than a week at Tilton, N. H., and with nothing to do but to eat and sleep, felt lost. He is now back on the job again and with our Band as usual.

C. JAMES PRATT, '05, writes from 478 Brush Street, Detroit, Mich., that he is now married and happy and that his health was never better. He likes out that way, but it does not come up to Massachusetts, in his opinion.

Frederick W. Marshall, '08, writes that his hand, which he hurt in January, and in which blood poisoning set in, is almost well.

JAMES R. GREGORY, '10, lives at 78 Richdale Avenue, Cambridge, and works for C. T. Hathaway & Sons, Bakers, Cambridge. He likes the work and the firm very much, and is still increasing in weight, which at present is 185 pounds.

WILLIAM SOWERS, Ex '11, our young friend who left School before graduating, is working for a doctor in Enosburg Falls, Vermont, and attending High School. He writes a cheerful, interesting letter and we were pleased to hear from him.

ROBERT H. MAY, '11, is at present on a farm at Wethersfield, Conn.

### Drawing a Checker-board

On Wednesday nights there is an evening sloyd class consisting of eight fellows picked out by the sloyd instructor. We all have the choice of choosing our own models, so I chose the checker-board for my model. We first have to make a working drawing of the model we are going to make. As the drawing paper was not large enough to draw it full size, I had to draw it one-fourth of the full size. I first drew a plan of the checker-board itself with the trimmings and then drew a side elevation. Then I drew a section showing the thickness and width of the trimmings, and how the screws

are to be put through the trimmings so as to attach the trimmings to the checker-board.

WILLIAM J. GRANT.

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ALFRED C. MALM,  
Notary Public.

[My Commission Expires June 22, 1917.]



